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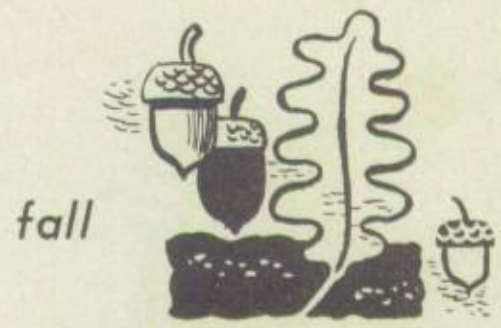

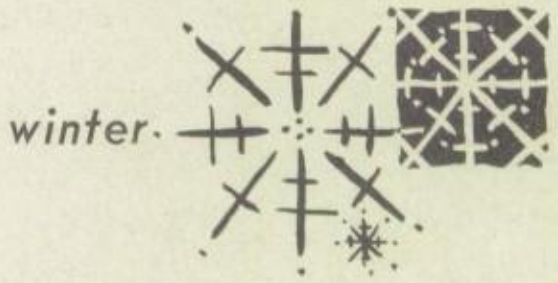

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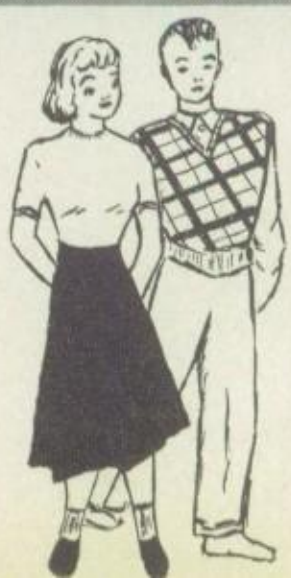

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BACK TO OUR OLD

Among the friends who got together again after the vacation were Jack Burnett, Jim Hancock, Ted Mavrick, and Dan O'Connell, gathering around Bill Good and his ever-so-popular ukulele.

It was a happy, friendly time, the first day of school. Cheerful "hi's" echoed and re-echoed through the halls, and classes were quickly refilled. Enthusiasm after a lazy summer was foremost. Old faces, new faces, tanned and lively, were swept into the excitement.

Students were swept right into the swing of classroom procedures and extra-curricular activities such as the Hallowe'en poster contest. Painting on the Central Murphy store windows, "Buzzy" Rufe puts those few finishing touches on his contest winner.

GRIND

Ceramics in art class claim the interest of Sally Shelburn as she watches Shirley Sischo mold a bowl. In the background Peggy Study hands a finished product to Janet Walker.

CLUBS REACH

Concentration is at a maximum as these seniors take aptitude an
vocational guidance tests to enable them to choose their life wor

FEVER PITCH

Original copies of valuable old newspapers were featured in one of the "paid" auditoriums this winter. Reading about the sinking of the **Titanic,** Beverly Shoemaker and Jim Richards inspect part of the display.

Outdoor sports were a welcome change from the sameness of school. High excitement is shown by Chuck Weis, Nancy Whitlock, Nancy Sharp, and Bill Reed as they toboggan down a snowy hillside.

GRADUATIO

Warm, balmy days interspersed with sudden showers characterize spring. Preparing to leave school one wet noon, Tom Arnold, Betty Thompson, cnd Joyce Saunders wear raincoats, while Betty prepares to open her umbrella.

MARKS END OF ACTIVITIES

"Would you care for coffee or tea?" asks Sara Sue Eckelbarger of Mrs. F. M. Peoples. Charlotte Fesler and Bonnie Huffer wait their turns to be served at the Mother-Daughter tea, March 15.

Music students labored long and hard in preparation for the Four Way Music Festival, held this year at Logansport. Practicing in the band room, Marcia Hayes, Larry Apt, and Ruth Ann Young play their instruments so industriously that their eyes appear closed.

World events are studied by Ruth Sullivan, Bob Clark, Stanley Scott, and Joyce Gross for discussion in class. Valuable aids are the library reference books, newspapers, and globe.

School Begins with Haze and Daze of Fall

Over six hundred and fifty students troop back . . . . settling down process begins . . . . football, bright yellow suits on a green field, tumbling players, screaming crowds . . . . hard-fought class elections . . . . noise of a brassy marching band . . . . smell of burning leaves . . . . Hallowe'en . . . . Logan game . . . . brownish drabness everywhere . . . . sudden coldness . . . . then the long awaited Thanksgiving vacation.

Looking over their new textbooks, Sharon Davis and Bud Dock seem to be glad to be back in PHS again.

Center of all high school activities is the clock in the principal's office. Here Elaine Scott adjusts the timer so that no one will be late to homeroom period at 1:05.

Warm Indian summer days kept the minds of students off their studies. Enjoying the warm weather as much as possible, Dave Carswell, Terry Temple, and Jim Doerr gather around Terry's Hotshot to talk over all the latest goings on.

Will we make that field goal? Interest is at a peak as the Tigs try for another T. D. at Bengal Field.

And with fall comes initiation —Y-Teens for one. Candidate Joyce Gross kneels at the feet of Ann Chamberlain to sing part of her initiation stunt.

Inevitably the grade cards top off every six weeks period. Terry Zaccone looks bewildered by it all as he glances over his report.

After learning to work their locker combinations, Jean Morris, Peggy Study, and Shirley Loe team up and keep their belongings in one locker.

Fall Finds Calendar Full — Kid Party, Elections,

Admiring the valuable pottery collection donated to the high school by G. David Thompson, Pittsburg industrialist, Mrs. J. M. Bowman and Mrs. Ray Hartleroad are shown around the halls on parent visiting day by their daughters, Ruth Hartleroad, standing, and Wanda Gearhart, kneeling.

Winners of the "kiddie kontest" at the Girls League Kid Party are Sally Shelburn, Pat Michael, and Peg McCormack, front; and Wanda Gearhart, Ruth Hartleroad, Aleece Reifinger, and Sally Hines, back.

Relaxation is easy for these Canteen go-ers in the game room. Rosalie Alspach, Francis Stanton, and Nancy Deisch look at a magazine, while Berman Gasaway and Gerald Beard talk over a recent sports event.

Rodeo Take Over

After winning the student body presidency, George Hamman conducts a Student Council meeting. Dave Jordan, Ruth Hartleroad, Jim Wildrick, and Joey Rousseau seemingly agree with him on a council problem.

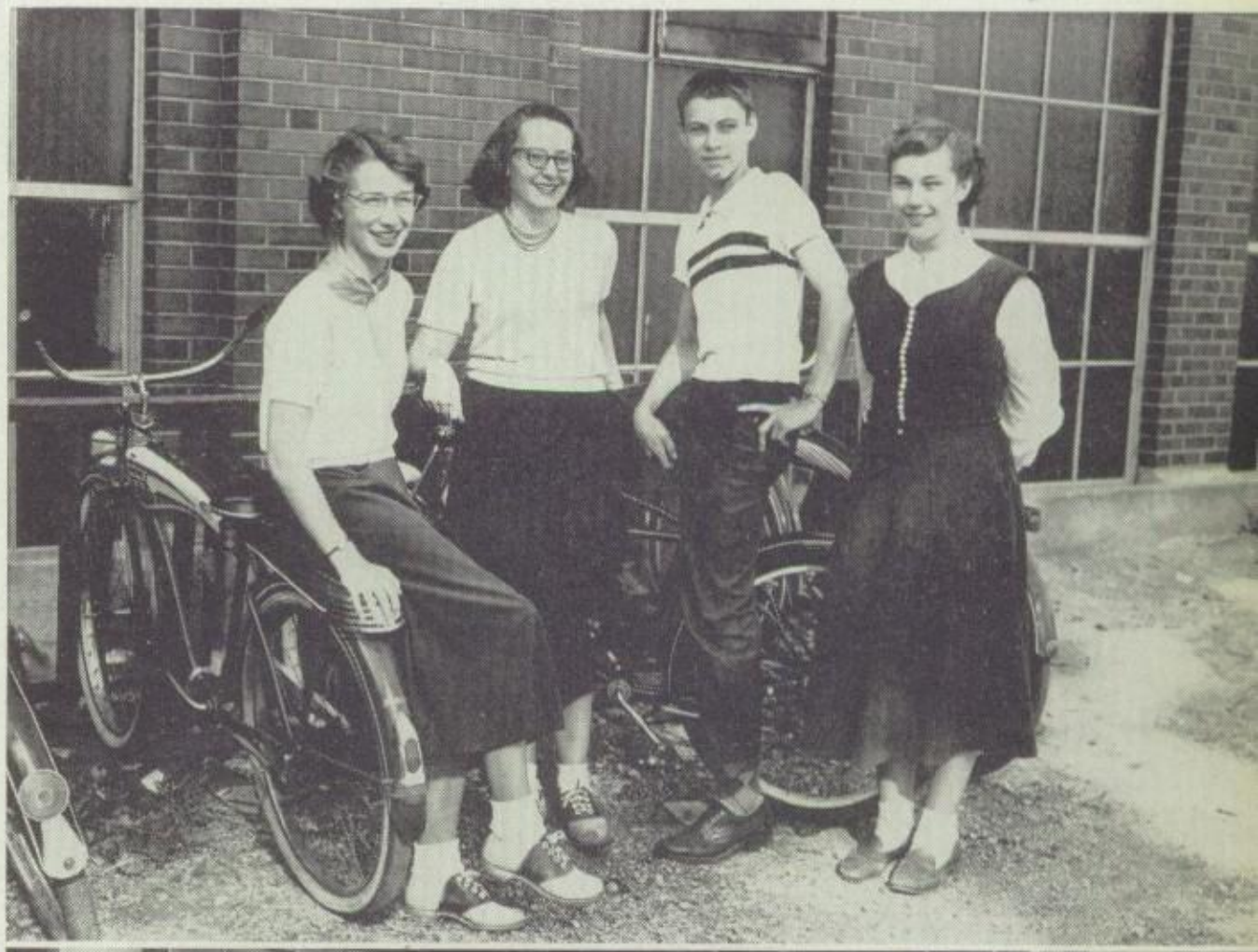
Smiling prettily as a queen should, Madonna Petterson poses for her picture as reigning lady of the 1950-51 Rodeo. Chosen from four senior girls, by the entire student body, Madonna reigned for both productions of the Rodeo and a downtown parade sponsored by the American Legion for Armistice day.

Accepting the name cards of one of the candidates for student body president from Jack Reed, Norma Garber registers approval while Carol Bell registers the opposite.

Intense concentration is shown on the faces of Charles Weis, Gloria Costin, Charles Mathis, and Jim VanOsdol during a chemistry laboratory experiment.

Dan Mooney and Dwight Baker stand in line to check in machine shop tools, as Bill Schmidt and Bill Boxell check their names off the list.

Freshies, Sophs Wide-Eyed and Curious



Freshman Class Officers

Will we ever forget that first week when we wonderingly took in everything and learned to find our way around in halls filled with unfamiliar faces? Then suddenly we had elected our officers, Mary Keyes, treasurer; Nancy Thrush, secretary; Charles Buckalew, president; and Ruth Schrader, vice-president, and were fast becoming an integral part of life at Peru High.

Sophomore Class Officers

We sophomores were truly sandwiched betwixt and between; we were too old to claim innocence and too young to claim experience. We liked our happy, middle state. During our class elections we chose Inger Wold as secretary, Dick McElheny as treasurer, Ray Nix as vice-president, and Jim Johnson as president to lead us confidently through this school year.

FRESHMEN

Row 1—Fred Ammerman, Hazel Anderson, Jonny Anderson, Larry Apt, Jack Arnold, Kenneth Arnold, Thomas Arnold, Clifford Bakehorn, Patricia Baldwin, Joyce Balsbaugh.

Row 2—Anna Mae Barron, Joseph Barrows, Gerald Bean, Robert Beard, Robert Becker, Virginia Bell, James Benedict, Richard Benner, James Berkshire, Rose Marie Betzner.

Row 3 — Sharon Black, Philip Blair, Mary Jean Blanchard, Stephen Bowman, Howard Boyd, Dean Brewer, Barbara Brindle, Christopher Brock, Donald Brooks, Charles Buckalew.

Row 4 — Donna Bullock, Nan Burwick, Nelson Callender, Lerion Carr, Jerry Clingaman, William Confer, Clifford Conger, Shirley Cook, Carol Correll, Paul Creager.

Row 5—David Daly, Bonnie Deason, Patricia DeHaven, Ronald DeLawter, Kenneth Dilsaver, Lela Dingman, Jerra Dirrim, Marcia Dock, Kay Doerr, Dennis Donaldson.

Row 6 — Robert Doran, Rodger Doran, Molly Dunn, Shirley Easterday, Robert Eckelbarger, Donald Ennis, Larry Ewer, James Featherstone, Ronald Finicle, John Finster.

Row 7—Wilma Fisher, Jack Flitcraft, Robert Friend, Jack Garner, Lonie Garner, Charles Garrison, Carol Geiselman, Donald Geiselman, David Geyer, Judith Glassburn.

Row 8—Howard Goshert, Ellen Gothard, Guy Griebel, John Grimes, Barbara Hamby, Thomas Harding, Frank Harshman, Gerlene Hatton, Barbara Hayes, Mary Hendricks.

Row 9 — Karen Herzog, Gary Hiner, Sally Hines, Sue Hoover, Robert Hoppes, Bonnie Howard, Joyce Hughes, Sharon Hutchison, Patricia Iliff, John Jaberg.

Row 10—George Jackson, Ercel Jones, Frances Jones, Larry Jones, Jean Kaiser, Donald Keller, John Kerschner, Mary Keyes, Nancy Kimpel, Ronald King.

FRESHMEN

Row 1—Paul Kirk, Barbara Korba, Constance Kramer, Elizabeth Kurz, Pauline Lamb, Kay Lasater, Gloria Lee, Shirley Leedy, Oden McClain.

Row 2 — Patricia McNamara, Edward McPherson, Harold Marburger, Jenith Marks, Terry Middlekauff, Max Miller, Philip Miller, Shirley Mills, Shirley Mitchell.

Row 3—Ben Mohler, Patrick Monahan, Charles Myers, Peggy Myers, Evelyn Mygrant, Martha Mygrant, Martha Nash, Esther Neupert, Betty Noblitt.

Row 4—Carole Phillabaum, Dorothy Pogue, John Pogue, Charles Pontius, Carolyn Potter, Jane Raber, William Rader, Nathan Reece, Ralph Reed.

Row 5—Dorothy Richards, Doris Richardson, Mary Roberts, Sue Robinson, Thomas Robinson, Sandra Rouch, Morris Rufe, Marilyn Rumpf, Joseph Russo.

Row 6 — Joyce Schmidt, Ruth Schrader, Mary Ann See, Sally Seiler, Richard Shanabarger, Nancy Sharpf, Fawntilla Shultz, Noel Simpkins, Jean Sivits.

Row 7 — Thomas Smith, Donald Snyder, Max Sommers, Charles Sorenson, Myrna Steinsberger, Beverly Stitt, Rosemary Stookey, Sherry Strassle, Mary Struble.

Row 8 — Reah Sumpter, Frank Sutton, Wesley Sutton, William Taylor, Jerry Thompson, Nancy Thrush, Ruth Toepfer, Jack Ulery, James Wagoner.

Row 9—Dixie Waite, Conrad Warder, Mary Webb, James Welke, Shirley Wells, Michael Werner, Lorna Whitmyre, Helen Whittenberger, Lavone Willis, Juanita Wilson.

Row 10 — Norma Wilson, Phyllis Wilson, Ronald Wilson, Philip Witt, Avel Wooldridge, George Wouster, Jerry Yoder, Ruth Young, Shirley Young, Terry Zaccone.

SOPHOMORES

Row 1—John Adams, Eugene Alexander, David Allmann, Rosalie Alspach, James Alwine, Patricia Anderson, Dennis Arnold, LeRoy Arnold.

Row 2 — Charles Baker, Martha Baker, Frances Baldwin, Ina Bales, Martha Baublit, Charles Bell, Sam Birner, Ronnie Blackman.

Row 3 — James Bonney, Gerald Brough, Ruby Burns, Delmar Burwick, Keith Butt, Patricia Butzin, Richard Calvin, David Carswell.

Row 4—James Cassel, Robert Cassel, Diane Clark, Robert Clark, Robert Clingaman, David Cohee, Robert Cook, Lela Coomler.

Row 5—Beatrice Copeland, Martha Crist, Robert DeHaven, Neil DePuy, Martin Dinsmore, Robert Douglass, Leonard Draving, Janice Eckelbarger.

Row 6—Marilyn Eltzroth, Janet Enyeart, Norma Floor, William Forshee, Norma Garber, Wanda Gearhart, Edward Gebhart, Jo Anne Gilbert, Allen Glassburn.

Row 7—Larry Goble, Lewis Goshern, Ervil Gross, Joyce Gross, Patty Guinn, Nora Hamman, Anne Harris, Mary Jane Hartwick, Nancy Harvey.

Row 8 — Donna Hedrick, Dean Hendry, Mona Herrell, Ruby Hetzner, Jay Howard, Roberta Howard, Eugene Hullinger, Janice Imhoof, Karl Isenbarger.

Row 9 — Gene Jackson, Beverly Johnson, James Johnson, Juanita Johnson, Joseph Keel, Jerry Keirn, Dolores Kellems, Mary Kerschner, Carol Klepinger.

Row 10—Sondra Krauskopf, James Kreag, Carl Lavoncher, William Lawrence, Mable Lewis, Shirley Loe, James Lovelace, Jack Lowe, Peggy McCormack.

SOPHOMORES

Row 1—Richard McElheny, Patricia McKee, Ernest Malott, Lillian Malouf, Sue Manmiller, Jerry Marquis, Martha Merriett, Betty Merritt.

Row 2—Robert Miller, Patricia Miller, Jake Mongosa, Richard Mooney, Jean Ann Morris, Sylvia Mueller, William Mullikin, Maynard Myers.

Row 3—Rosemae Neher, Sally Niswander, Raymond Nix, Norbert O'Connell, Joyce Ohlman, Pat Overmyer, Dorothy Payne, Paul Pecen.

Row 4—Robert Pegg, Carolyn Petterson, Gene Petty, John Pontius, Janet Pope, Paula Quinton, Ronald Raver, Aliceann Reed.

Row 5—Robert Richards, Kenneth Richardson, Ruby Rigle, Cecilia Roberts, Joey Rousseau, Dorothy Sargent, Joyce Saunders, Miriam Schini, Jan Schlemmer.

Row 6—Stanley Scott, David Sharp, Sally Shelburn, Harold Shipley, Sheila Shipman, Barbara Siders, Shirley Sischo, Larry Smith, Nola Smith.

Row 7—Phyllis Smith, Shirley Smithson, Shirley Snyder, Raymond Sonafrank, Bobbie Spencer, John Stegman, Carl Steinsberger, Shirley Stewart, Edward Struble.

Row 8—Peggy Study, Ruth Sullivan, Dan Sunday, David Sunday, Mary Sutton, Mary Lou Thoennes, Betty Thompson, Darvin Tomes, Zane Torrence.

Row 9—Pat Trexler, Mary Jo Venice, John Wahlig, Janet Walker, John Ward, Martha Weideman, Shirley Westcott, Juanita Whybrew, Ronald Wildrick.

Row 10—Jouit Willis, Donald Wilson, Inger Wold, Joan Wolfe, Harry Wooten, Frederick Wouster, Sharon Wray, Derrell Yentes, Thurman Zimmerman.

Queen Madonna Petterson poses in front of her Rodeo court of seven girls. Left to right, they are Nancy Deisch, Pat Sagester, Mary Keyes, Carolyn Petterson, Jane Bussard, Kay Doerr, and Inger Wold.

New Spots Brighten Rodeo

New professional-looking spotlights were used for the 1950-51 Rodeo, November 9 and 10. First suggested by the class of '49, the spots were partially their gift to the school. Since the cost was so great, last year's Rodeo profit was used to help pay for the spots, and the school board contributed the balance.

These spotlights were operated by a backstage dimmer. Throughout the show they shone from dim shade to full brilliance of each color, according to the mood desired for the various scenes.

Featuring a cast of 189 students, the variety show was under the direction of Mr. James Hawker, Mr. James Noble, Miss Mildred Shideler, and Mr. Hal Kesler, with David Jordan as student director.

Instead of a main theme, this year's Rodeo was based on four separate and unrelated themes. Three of these, **Hillbilly, Moon and Stars,** and **Springtime,** contained mostly singing, while the fourth one entitled **Around the World,** featured dancing.

Transitional scenes in front of the curtains enabled the stage crew to change the props for each of the big scenes.

Resting briefly from the rigors of staging the annual Rodeo, the directors cheerfully pose. Mr. Hal Kesler, Miss Mildred Shideler, and student director, David Jordan, are in row one. Mr. James Hawker, head director, and Mr. James Noble are in row two.

Accompanists for the show were Ruth Hartleroad and Carole Phillabaum. The stage crew consisted of Gene Ralstin, manager; John Hemdal, Tom Wooten, Bob Wittig, Larry Goble, LeRoy Arnold, Dennis Arnold, Richard Calvin, Dick McNary, Bob Appleton, and Jim Alwine.

Success was shown by the large crowds attending both Thursday and Friday nights, as well as the $726.74 net profit received. All those in the cast, the directors, those attending, and those vital people behind the scenes should take full credit for this student production.

Providing a romantic background for Betty Pearcy and Victor Tully in **Moon of Manakoora,** Reah Sumpter and Dale Bowerman lend a musical accent.

Getting a big bite in the **Picnic Song** scene, Sherry Strassle registers enjoyment as Aleece Reifinger feeds her, and Betty Noblitt holds the platter.

"Here comes Peter Cottontail" sing Tom Robinson, Mary See, Joe Russo, and Martha Baublit. Phil Blair as "Peter" cocks his head to listen.

Mother, Pat Sagester, puts a restraining hand on the boyfriend, Darvin Tomes, in order to protect her "dauter," Janet Walker. Pat Overmyer sings "Ma, He's Making Eyes at Me," and Carmella Musto shows that she really has her man, John Adams, in tow.

Band Practices Fancy Formations

Band Officers

Informality is prevalent as the band officers gather in Mr. Noble's office to discuss improvements. Left to right they are: Dan Mooney, captain; Helen Cunningham, librarian; Philip Carpenter, first lieutenant; Mr. James Noble, director; Glenn Oury, student director; and Dick Thompson, assistant librarian.

Band Members Travel

Forward! March! The whistle blows and seventy-nine pairs of legs march down the field as the Peru High School band once more enters its marching season.

Having proved its ability in marching and formation work, the band received its second invitation to perform at Butler university. Eight high school bands participated in the half time program of the Butler-Miami football game which was held in the Butler stadium, October 21. To the strains of "America the Beautiful" the Peru band spelled out "U. S. A." From this formation they immediately formed a large banner while they played "Stars and Stripes Forever."

November 18, the band once more traveled, this time to Indiana university where as one of 113 bands they formed a massed band of 5,498 students during the half time of the Indiana-Marquette football game.

Band

Row 1: Wilson, Seiler, Iliff, Kimple, Manmiller.
Row 2: Wilson,Neher, Schram, Reed, Butt.
Row 3: Rufe, Wray, Mughmaw, Baker, Ralstin.
Row 4: Mathis, Harris, Greer, Mills, Carpenter.

Under the directorship of James Noble and with the aid of student officers, the band performed in the music department's Christmas concert, December 13.

Dan Mooney and Glenn Oury were chosen by their fellow students to head the band in the capacity of band captain and student director, respectively.

The extensive library of the band was cared for by librarian Helen Cunningham. Her assistant, Dick Thompson, held the honorary position of being the only non-senior officer in the band.

To inspect uniforms and instruments was the job of first lieutenant Philip Carpenter and quartermaster Mary Jane Wylie.

After weeks of practicing and reconditioning drills, the band ventured forth to attend the Four-Way Music Festival in Logansport, May 5. Here the bands from Marion, Kokomo, Logansport, and Peru joined in a downtown parade during the afternoon and a massed band concert in the evening.

Each year outstanding members of the music department are given numerous awards. In memory of Robert Scott, a member of the 1948 band who was accidentally electrocuted in a home fire, each year the name of a senior boy is engraved on a memorial plaque which hangs in the music department office. The qualifications for the award are service, attentiveness, loyalty, and promptness.

For outstanding musicianship, a senior boy or girl receives the National Foundation Arion Award. This award is sponsored by the Peru Kiwanis club.

Band

Row 1: Dewart, Hartleroad, Miller, Overmyer, Shelburn, Wold, Ruble, Hayes, Fiser, Reece.

Row 2: Hemdal, Gasaway, Johnson, Gross, Gearhart, Barkdull, Cunningham, Wooten, Berkshire, Young.

Row 3: Lovelace, Fesler, Sullivan, Sharp, Sagester, Nash, Dock, Wittig, Hayes, Apt.

Row 4: Mooney, Wolfe, Rasmussen, Stegman, King, Thompson, Oury, Warner, McKamey, Wooten.

Junior-Senior Music Club

Row 1: Saltz, Bell, Eckelbarger, Ruble, Barkdull, Pearcy, Duncan, Mathis, Wilson, Dewart, Loveland, G. Jones, Fiser, Mack.
Row 2: Neher, McCormack, Fisher, Hosman, Grafft, Fesler, Woodhouse, Wylie, Ditzler, Price, Palmer, Hartleroad, Featherstone, Chamberlain, Hayes.
Row 3: Edmond, McKamey, Schram, Sagester, Landgrave, Cunningham, Huffer, Sharp, Marburger, Stanton, Toepfer, Hunter, Musto, Shoemaker.
Row 4: Mooney, Thompson, Gallahan, Dock, Mills, Tully, Wray, Smith, Bussard, Oury, Warner, VanOsdol, Thompson, Carpenter, Baker, Beard, Worsley, R. Jones.

Music Clubs Have Joint Meetings

Tuesday meetings of the Music club alternated between two organizations, the freshman-sophomore and the junior-senior clubs. Both clubs elected separate officers for the year. Mr. James Noble, music department director, was adviser for both groups.

Besides publicizing the Christmas concert, December 13, some of the club members also served as ushers. Altogether, the advanced choir, orchestra, and band presented this annual free program to the townspeople as a so-called "Christmas present."

Sixty-five candidates were initiated into both clubs. Glenn Oury wrote the script for the ceremony. Initiates were required to wear gold and black feathers as a symbol of their new membership. At the initiation service, a quartet of four boys, Charles Mathis, Victor Tully, Glenn Oury, and Dick Smith, sang several songs.

On November 7, Mr. Charles Munger of the Jordan College of Music spoke about that school at a joint meeting of the clubs. Several times throughout the year, comedy films were on the agenda.

Sponsoring a pep rally before the Fort Wayne Central game, Victor Tully, Dick Smith, Glenn Oury, Bob Wray, Inger Wold, Rosemae Neher, Joyce Gross, Ruth Sullivan, Pat Overmyer, Jane Bussard, and Mary Jane Wylie worked out the theme and plan of the program.

Eligibility for club membership was based on past participation in the club and active membership in some phase of the PHS music program. Officers of the two clubs formed a membership committee to check the qualifications of candidates to each club. Over 61 students were in the junior-senior group, and there were 55 in the freshman-sophomore club.

Operetta tickets for "The Pirates of Penzance" were distributed among the members to be sold by them.

Close cooperation with the Music Parents Association assured success in all this year's projects. After the final operetta presentation, March 9, the Music Parents gave an "Opera Hop" for the students, complete with refreshments for the cast.

Officers of the junior-senior group were Victor Tully, president; Dick Smith, vice-president; Jane Bussard, secretary; Bob Wray, treasurer; Glenn Oury, sergeant-at-arms; and Mary Jane Wylie, program chairman.

Leading the freshman-sophomore club, Inger Wold was president; Rosemae Neher, vice-president; Joyce Gross, secretary; Ruth Sullivan, treasurer; Nora Hamman, sergeant-at-arms; and Pat Overmyer, program chairman.

Freshman-Sophomore Music Club

Row 1: Zimmerman, P. Wilson, Shipman, Wold, Manmiller, Rouch, Klepinger, Westcott, Study, Iliff, Smith, Hayes, Neher, Zaccone.
Row 2: Sutton, McCormack, Korba, Phillabaum, Roberts, Sharpf, Garber, Mills, Butzin, Loe, Cook, Wilson, Rufe, Clark.
Row 3: Reece, McNamara, Kurz, Snyder, Overmyer, Walker, Johnson, Lamb, Pogue, Burns, Rigle, Smith, Reed.
Row 4: Niswander, Noblitt, Gearhart, Hamman, Sullivan, Baker, Thoennes, Stegman, Sargent, Robinson, Miller, D. Wilson, Trexler, Gross.

Junior Y-Teens

Row 1: Sischo, Neher, Garbert, Nora Whitlock, Ruble, Deisch, Wolfe, Payne, Robinson, Nancy Whitlock, Miss Ina Hornish, sponsor.

Row 2: Baublit, Peg McCormack, Bell, Study, Enyeart, Loe, Barkdull, Deason, Brock, Kellems, Butzin, Hedrick.

Row 3: Niswander, Loveland, Guinn, Daine, Garber, Reed, Johnson, Toepfer, Hartleroad, Laudenschlager, Ulery, Smith.

Row 4: Hamman, Gearhart, Walker, Sargent, Merriett, Gross, Baker, Thoennes, Malouf, McKinney, Betz, Musto, Sharp, Petterson.

Senior Y-Teens

Row 1: Eckelbarger, Costin, Pearcy, Landgrave, Ditzler, Beebe, Hosman, Kenworthy, Geyer, Schwartz, Miss Helen Brundage, sponsor.

Row 2: Oates, Cunningham, Butler, Moseley, Davis, Orpurt, Sharp, Wilson, Jones, Helms.

Row 3: VanOsdol, Bussard, Chamberlain, Petterson, Gallahan, Huffer, Scott, Hayes, Tharp, Whybrew.

A "Y" Life Is A Busy Life

For the initial program of the Y-Teens groups, a candlelight recognition ceremony for the new members was conducted October 19, in the new gym by the senior group and their sponsor, Miss Helen Brundage.

Both groups planned cheer projects for the year. On December 20, a caroling program was presented at Dukes Memorial hospital, under the direction of Miss Ina Hornish, sponsor of the junior group. Crippled children of the community were selected by the senior group to receive gifts of cheer on Valentine's day.

A pep session December 8, a "come-as-yau-are" party November 21, and the annual "teacher appreciation" party in May were outstanding social events of the year.

Mrs. Vera Rayl of the Dairy Council, Kokomo, presented a series of three programs on nutrition for the girls on January 29, February 5, and February 19. Films on nursing, selected by the school nurse, were viewed at two spring meetings.

Science Club

Row 1: Mr. Dice, sponsor, Wittig, Hemdal, Beard, O'Connell, Ogden, Starkey, Burrous, Hancock, Hulce, Glassburn, Schini, Fiser, Mathis.
Row 2: D. Weis, VanOsdol, Schoenman, Spencer, Rothermel, Sovers, McMinn, Powell, Wolfe, C. Weis.
Row 3: Bullock, Barnett, Isenbarger, Younce, Jordan, Greer, Thompson, Hartleroad, Fry, Oury, Warner, Good.

Future Chemists Learn How

Strange odors, billowy clouds of smoke, and interesting sounds radiated from the chemistry laboratory as the members of the Science club put their knowledge to practical use under the direction of David Jordan, president.

Other officers included Dan Schoenman, vice-president; Jim VanOsdol, secretary; and Bill Good, treasurer. Sponsors of the organization included Jess Dice, chairman, Clarence Oury, and Paul Prible.

Hamman Directs Council Activities

After a hot campaign, the students of PHS elected George Hamman and Gerald Beard to represent the entire student body as president and "veep" of the Student Council.

Recording the discussion of each meeting kept secretary Elaine Scott busy, while parliamentarian Don Hulce maintained a watchful eye on the club's business procedure.

Student Council

Row 1: Enyeart, Hartleroad, J. Buckalew, Hamman, Beard, C. Buckalew, Potter, Rufe.
Row 2: Mr. Donovan, sponsor, Johnson, Goble, C. Lavoncher, B. Lavoncher, Scott, Thrush, Kramer, Miss Wood, sponsor.
Row 3: Hulce, McElheny, King, Stegman, Jordan, Weis, Wildrick, Reed, Wrigley.

Commercial Club

Row 1: Miss Wood, sponsor, Sischo, Sutton, Eckelbarger, Mathis, Schwartz, Geyer, Coomler, Howard, Smith, Venice, Miss Wagner, sponsor.

Row 2: Hartz, Roberts, Helms, Loveland, Duncan, Jones, Palmer, Payne, Brindle, Phillipy, Hunter.

Row 3: Stokes, Sharp, Michael, Cunningham, Hosman, Ditzler, Featherstone, Moseley, Wissinger, Bullock, Hedrick, Anderson, J. Whybrew.

Row 4: Kramer, Burnett, Miller, Landgrave, Tharp, Chamberlain, Gallahan, M. Petterson, Miller, J. Weideman, C. Petterson, McKinney, M. Weideman, D. Whybrew.

Sixty Join Commercial Club

Over sixty students interested in commercial work joined the Commercial club this year in order to learn more about business procedures.

With the Honor Society, the Commercial club sponsored an after-game dance, October 20, after the Tipton football game.

President Madonna Petterson presided over the meetings with the help of Jo Sharp, vice-president; Helen Cunningham, secretary; and Joanne Gallahan, treasurer. Both Miss Hester Wood and Miss Ruth Wagner of the commercial department sponsored the club.

Patrol Boys Stress Safety

"I hope that the people of Peru fully realize that the patrol system is one of the primary reasons for the safety record here," said Captain Edward Kaiser, chief-of-police, about the high school traffic patrol.

James Lovelace served as captain this past year with Jim Alwine, Bob Pontius, and Terry Zaccone as lieutenants. Locally the patrol is sponsored by the Young Business Men's Club, Mr. Noel Davis, adviser, and Captain Kaiser.

Safety Patrol

Row 1: Zimmerman, Alwine, Lovelace, R. Pontius.

Row 2: Bell, Yoder, C. Pontius, Zaccone.

Future Homemakers of America

Row 1: Mrs. Ramsey, sponsor, Martin, Graf, Richardson, Richards, Gatlin, Gilbert.

Row 2: Edmond, Crist, Pogue, Mygrant, Miller, Kerschner.

C-21 Club

Row 1: Miss Tereba, sponsor, See, Sumpter, Dingman, Whitmyre, Mygrant, Jones, Zaccone, R. Cassel.

Row 2: Smith, Bean, Wooldridge, Calvin, Bell, Bowman, Welke, J. Cassel, Mooney.

Decorations Enliven Cafeteria

Cafeteria decorations made by the Future Homemakers of America club members added sparkle to the lunchroom with their seasonal designs. All of the national holidays, such as Hallowe'en and Christmas, were featured.

Under the sponsorship of Mrs. Ruth Ann Ramsey, social events included the annual roller skating party, December 14.

President Hildred Graf was assisted by Uva Richardson, vice-president; Ruth Martin, secretary; Dorothy Richards, treasurer; Diane Clark, news reporter; Betty Edmond, historian; and Marcia Gatlin, parliamentarian.

C-21'ers Boost General Fund

Candy bars, popcorn, and chewing gum were sold by the members of the C-21 club at athletic games and at noon. Their profits were used to defray club expenses, the remainder going into the general school fund.

Mr. Clarence Oury aided in boosting club membership, while Miss Bertha Tereba, head sponsor, arranged several parties, including a Christmas party, December 20, and transportation to out-of-town games.

President Bonnie Mygrant was aided by Maynard Myers, vice-president; Reah Sumpter, secretary; and Jim Cassel, treasurer.

Donovan Heads Football Staff

Football strategy is discussed by coaches Dick Donovan and Paul Bienz, kneeling; while coaches Paul Ploss, Cyril Hall, and Phil Ortwein listen attentively.

Many hours were spent by the student managers, Lewis Gaunt, Bill DeHaven, Dick Hatfield, Pat Monahan, and David Allmann, keeping the football equipment in condition.

Snappy routines, flashy uniforms, and dazzling smiles accentuated Bengal field as the eight Tigerettes took over during halftime to delight the spectators with their marching routines.

Reading crosswise they are Mary Keyes, Joan Schwartz, and Kay Doerr in row 1, and Joyce Hosman, Anna Mae Barron, Jane Bussard, Susan Landgrave, and Norma Wilson in the back row.

The will to win governs success in all sports. Without a winning attitude, no team, prep, college or professional, can play a winning game. Along with the desire to conquer, an athletic team must also have talent. The Peru High School varsity football eleven certainly had plenty of the latter throughout the entire 1950 gridiron campaign, but for some reason lacked the former during the first half of the schedule.

Head Coach Dick Donovan, in his first year as varsity leader, barely missed opening the season as the mentor of a winning ball club, as his Bengal forces, busier chasing butterflies than opponents, were downed by one point by Kokomo. The Tigers dropped their next three contests in a row by overwhelming scores to Logansport, Hartford City, and Plymouth.

Then came a change, temporary as it was, which completely delighted the loyal fans. The gold-and-black tide of uncertainty, after trailing in the first half, squeezed past little Monticello, the eventual cellar-dweller of the Central Indiana Conference, for their first victory of the season.

This exciting conquest was short-lived, however, as the same old padded Tigs continued their losing ways by dropping the next ball game to Wabash. Suddenly, as if tired of it all, the Bengal cleaters, low in the league standings, became the most fearsome eleven in the CIC.

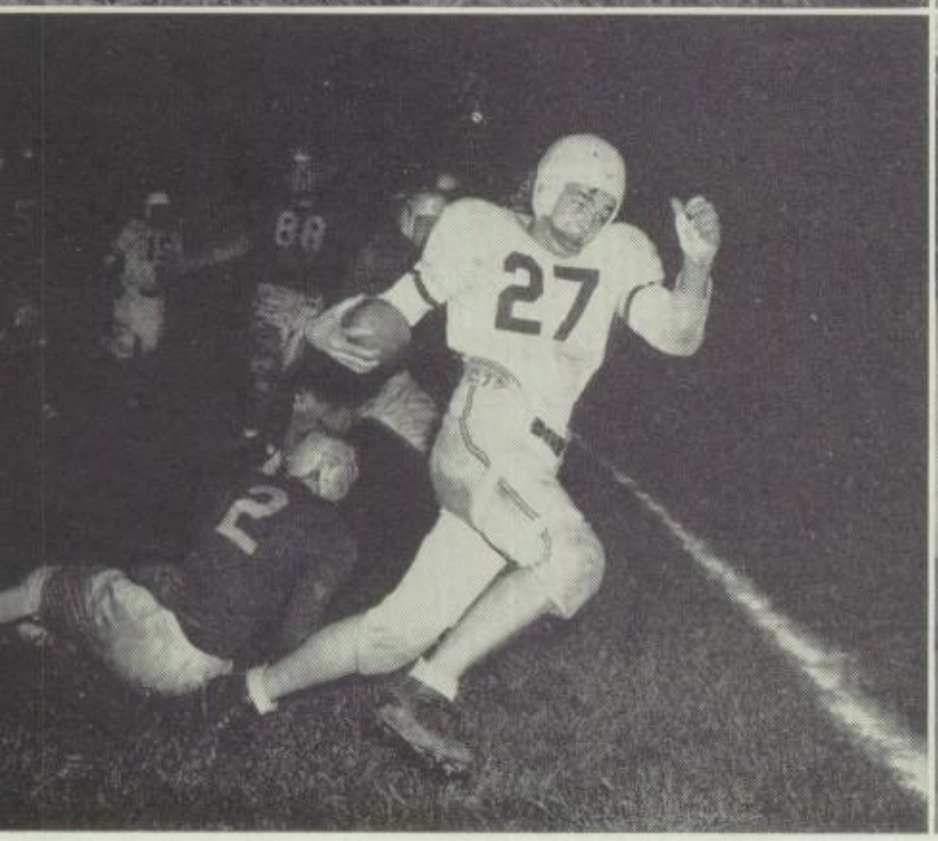
They mauled Tipton, ran rampant over highly-favored Elwood, and utterly pulverized Huntington's Vikings, in the last three tilts of the year. This three-way surprise prompted Peru's pigskin coaches to sing, "Oh, if we had our lives to lives over!" Perhaps just another crack at Kokomo, Logansport, Hartford City, Plymouth, and Wabash would have been satisfying enough.

"Churnin'" Steve Rothermel prepares to hit the turf as he is tackled low during a scrimmage practice at Bengal field.

On for a touchdown goes high-scorer Jack Lowe after eluding the whole Elwood team.

"Zing pass," calls Pat Redmon, quarterback, as the varsity team runs through a team practice after school.

Dressing room jokes are exchanged by Bud Griggs, Jack McKenzie, and Bob Beard, while Steve Rothermel checks his weight.



Varsity and Reserves

Row 1: Rothermel, Griggs, Redmon, Spencer, Hilgeman, H. Beard, Hadsell, Gaunt, Coach Donovan.
Row 2: Doerr, Tully, McKenzie, Finicle, Karowsky, Catey, Shelburn, Scott.
Row 3: Nix, O'Connell, Boyer, Hiers, Forshee, Foy, Reed. B. Beard.
Row 4: Blackman, Howard, Carswell, Stanton, Ogden, A. Marquis, Burwick, Burrous.
Row 5: Clark, Jackson, Johnson, J. Marquis, Grimes, Petty, Arnold, Hayes.
Row 6: Wilson, Mullikin, Brewer, Sonafrank, Lovelace, DePuy, Draving, McElheny, Schlemmer.

Varsity Ends Season With 4-5 Record

Efficient first aid is given to Jim Doerr by trainer, Jack Foster. All the aches and pains of the football boys received careful attention from Foster.

Stars Sparked Team

At the beginning of the year, it looked as if the Donovan-men were going to have one of their few winning seasons. From end to end, in the line, the Bengals were big, fast, and rugged. Jack Lowe and Ralph Finicle, both underclassmen, served as pass receivers for quarterback Pat Redmon, and patrolled the end posts. Bud Griggs, 205-pound tackle, and Harry Beard, 190-pounder who served at the same position, were as resistance-proof as any of their opponents.

Jack McKenzie, Don Karowsky, Johnny Boyer, Dean Hadsell, Dale Catey, and David Carswell switched back and forth in the guard positions. McKenzie and Boyer were especially rough on defense. Junior Jim Doerr held down the center position, with occasional aid from John Hilgeman, Stanley Scott, sophomore end, and Jack Shelburn, 240-pound tackle, who saw plenty of action in the line.

"Churnin' " Steve Rothermel was an offensive standout at fullback and second in the team scoring to Lowe who reeled off several touchdowns on end-around plays. Bill Hiers and Bub Foy did most of the halfback chores, although they received much help from Ray Nix, Jim Spencer, who contributed a good ground-gaining average, Dan O'Connell, and Neil DePuy. Bill Forshee saw limited action at quarterback.

Freshies Win One Game

The first step on the staircase leading to varsity football in high school is, of course, labeled "frosh." This year's greenie team, coached by Mr. Paul Bienz, defeated only one of four teams on its schedule—Marion. The score in that contest was 26 to 0, while in the others, it was Kokomo over Peru 7 to 6, on October 2; Wabash, 27 to 7, on October 16; and Logansport, 13 to 7, September 25.

Little John Grimes showed great promise of furthering Peru's football cause in days to come on the scoring end. End Bob Beard and Dean Brewer are also up-and-coming Bengal material. Kokomo's victory over the Cubs can be attributed to their old nemesis, fumbling.

Varsity Football Scores

Peru	7	Kokomo	8
Peru	6	Logansport	32
Peru	0	Hartford City	31
Peru	0	Plymouth	38
Peru	20	Monticello	13
Peru	6	Wabash	27
Peru	22	Tipton	6
Peru	25	Elwood	0
Peru	34	Huntington	13

Freshman Football Squad

Row 1: Werner, Willis, Berkshire, Finicle, Barrows, McPherson, Coach Bienz.
Row 2: Featherstone, Buckalew, Brooks, R. Doran, Boyd, Geiselman.
Row 3: Goshert, Hoppes, Eckelbarger, Middlekauff, J. Arnold, Marburger, Friend, Benedict.
Row 4: Garrison, Jackson, Keller, T. Arnold, Griebel, Wilson, B. Doran.

GAA

Row 1: J. Anderson, Brock, Earhart, Butzin, Dunn, Balsbaugh, Black, Carr, Blanchard, Cook.

Row 2: Miss Shideler, sponsor, Enyeart, Deisch, Barkdull, P. Deason, Beebe, Betzner, Burwick, Burns, Crist.

Row 3: Davis, H. Anderson, Bell, M. Eltzroth, F. Baldwin, Dirrim, Dock, DeHaven, Baber, Creager.

Row 4: Barron, Cunningham, Anderson, Baublit, Eberle, Bussard, Ditzler, B. Deason, P. Baldwin, Butler.

GAA

Row 1: Hartwick, Knox, Goshert, Lee, Hoover, Hughes, Geiselman, Glassburn, B. Hayes, Herzog, Kimpel, Hendricks.

Row 2: B. Johnson, J. Johnson, Hines, Loe, Kurz, Korba, Loveland, Kenworthy, Kellems, Krauskopf, M. Hayes.

Row 3: Kile, Hamby, Landgrave, Keyes, Garber, Floor, Gothard, Lamb, Leedy, Kaiser, Hartleroad.

Row 4: Flohr, Kramer, Howard, W. Gallahan, Huffer, J. Gallahan, Hutchison, Fesler, Hamman, Gross, Gearhart.

GAA

Row 1: McCormack, Neher, Rouch, Ruble, Manmiller, Morris, Mitchell, C. Mygrant, Pope.

Row 2: Pogue, Palmer, Roberts, Nash, Phillabaum, Rumpf, Merritt, Overmyer, McKee.

Row 3: Pearcy, Sagester, Musto, Robinson, Mills, M. Mygrant, Raber, Oates, Neal, Niswander.

Row 4: Reed, VanOsdol, Richardson, Myers, Malouf, Neupurt, Mueller, Marburger, Orpurt, Noblitt.

GAA

Row 1: Sumpter, Wilson, Whittenberger, N. Whitlock, Schwartz, L. Whitlock, Thompson, J. Wilson, Snow, R. Toepfer, Wold, Saltz.

Row 2: VanMeter, Study, Saunders, Stitt, McNamara, Schrader, M. Struble, Seiler, Sillings, Westcott, Stringer, Schini.

Row 3: P. Struble, Smith, N. Wilson, Shoemaker, Schmidt, Stookey, Walker, Snyder, C. Toepfer, Siders, Sharp, Wolfe.

Row 4: Whitmyre, Wells, Trexler, Sharp, Sullivan, Thoennes, Scott, Young, Tharp, J. Sharp, Wray, Potter, Wolf.

Basketball, Volleyball—GAA Favorites

Highlighting the activities of the Girls Athletic Association during 1950-51 was the initiation party held for new members during the second semester. New members, as part of their initiation, were required to sell souvenirs for the basketball games.

Under the direction of Miss Mildred Shideler, sponsor of GAA, 195 girls signed for membership at the first meeting of the year and elected Mary Jo Oates president. Other officers were Carole Kile, vice-president; Patricia Sagester, corresponding secretary; Elaine Scott, recording secretary; and Joyce Gross, treasurer. A new rule was made which stated that all members must make at least two points a year by taking part in an activity in order to retain membership.

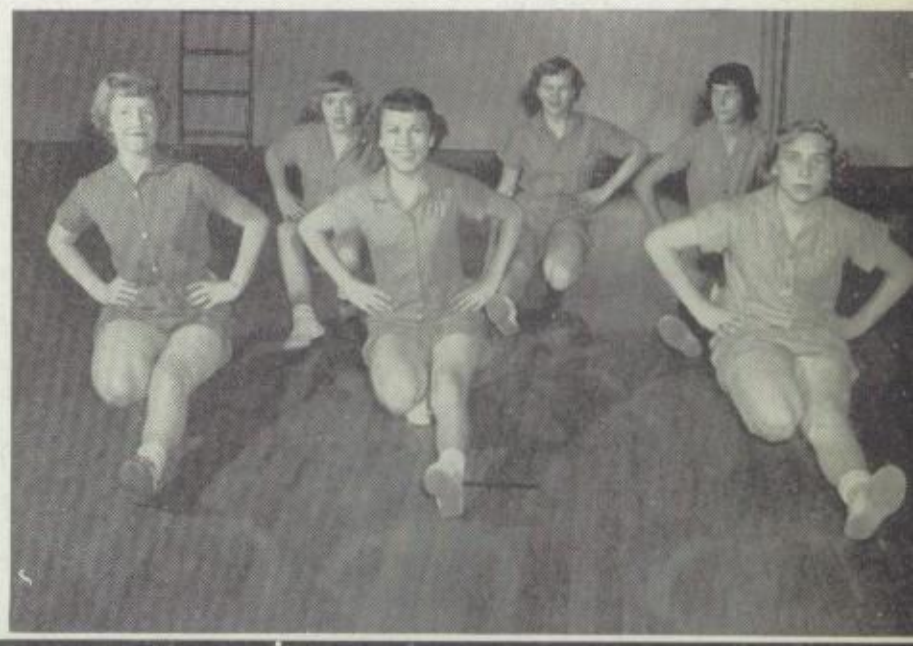
Bowling teams were organized in September and played every Tuesday night after school for two six weeks periods. Girls with the ten highest averages bowled in telegraphic meets with teams from Huntington and Attica high school.

In intramural sports after school each Monday night, twenty-one deck tennis teams played a double elimination tournament. After Christmas twelve volleyball teams were chosen to play in a double elimination tourney. The annual class tournaments were played in basketball.

The "A" and "B" varsity volleyball teams played games with Wabash, Logansport, Rochester, and Huntington, besides playing in a four-way invitational tournament at Huntington. Several GAA members went to a playday at Logansport at which basketball, volleyball, and swimming were featured.

In gym classes many girls suffered broken fingernails, jammed fingers, and bruises, when they took part in basketball, deck tennis, and volleyball. Skill tests were given in basketball, and those who made eight out of ten free throws passed the state test. Group games, relays, exercises, tumbling, kickball, dodgeball, and posture work also were on the agenda during the year.

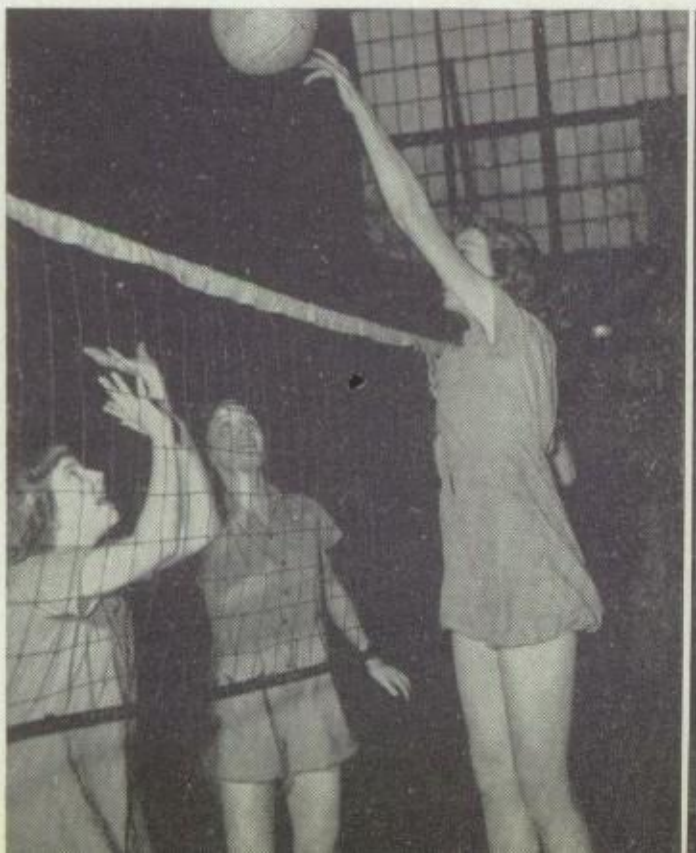
Working at keeping those girlish figures. Janette Wilson, Clara Snow, and Peggy Study practice doing the Russian dance step.



Marcia Hayes "spikes one" at Norma Wilson, while Jane Bussard stands ready to assist in an exciting game of volleyball.

Careful there, girls, or you'll all fall. Incidentally, right after this picture was taken, there was a mighty collapse and a conglomeration of arms and legs.

In a basketball jump-ball, Mary Kaiser gets the "tip" as Susie Landgrave leaps for the ball, too. Jo Sharp, referee, watches closely to see that no foul is made.



Cold weather plus plenty of snow proved to be disastrous for starting cars this winter. Here Sue Robinson, Steve Rothermel, Peggy McCormack, Pat Overmyer, and Harold Guyer endeavor to get Miss Ruth Wagner's Olds started.

Bleak Stillness Penetrates School

Icy, snow-covered outdoors . . . . continued gray

days . . . . interest shifts to life inside the school . . . .

crowded bleachers, bright glare on hardwood,

pattern of glistening bodies, intoxication of victory . . . .

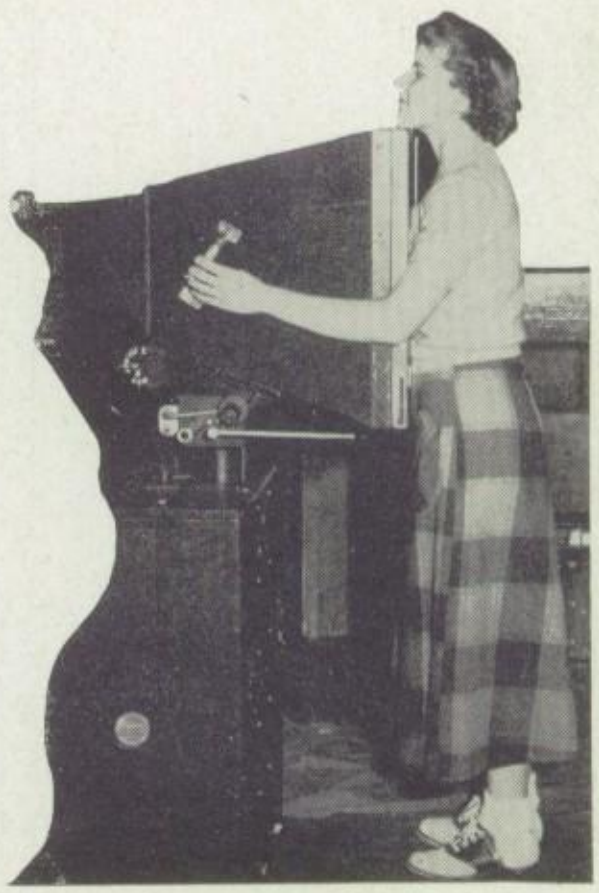
Christmas breaks the monotony as parties flourish

. . . . semester exams lead to last minute cramming . . . .

relief at week's end . . . . club work reaches fever

pitch . . . . singing valentines surprise some, excite all

. . . . juniors star in class play.



During the tuberculosis campaign, Pat Butzin has her 1951 chest X-ray.

Seeking to appease the inner man, students swarm to the cafeteria. Amid a scramble of books, a few bites of food are hungrily downed between stories of morning and afternoon classes. Reaching for his salad, Bob Wittig follows Sherry Strassle along the food line.

Students Swarm to Cafeteria

Reference books and dictionaries help Martha Weideman and Max Powell with their library research work.

Oil painting absorbs the time and energy of these art students, Dorothy Woodhouse and Sally Bishop.

Making Christmas presents for needy children was the main project of the industrial shop boys, Ervil Gross, John Finster, Bob Hoppes, and Dale Bowerman.

During the Christmas season, members of the advanced choir sang carols in the halls. Bob Holler, Inger Wold, Barbara Dewart, and Diane Ditzler sing around the main hall Christmas tree.

Friendly arguments prevailed in the Canteen ping-pong room with Tom Boyer, Jo Sharp, Helen Whittenberger, and Chuck Weis participating.

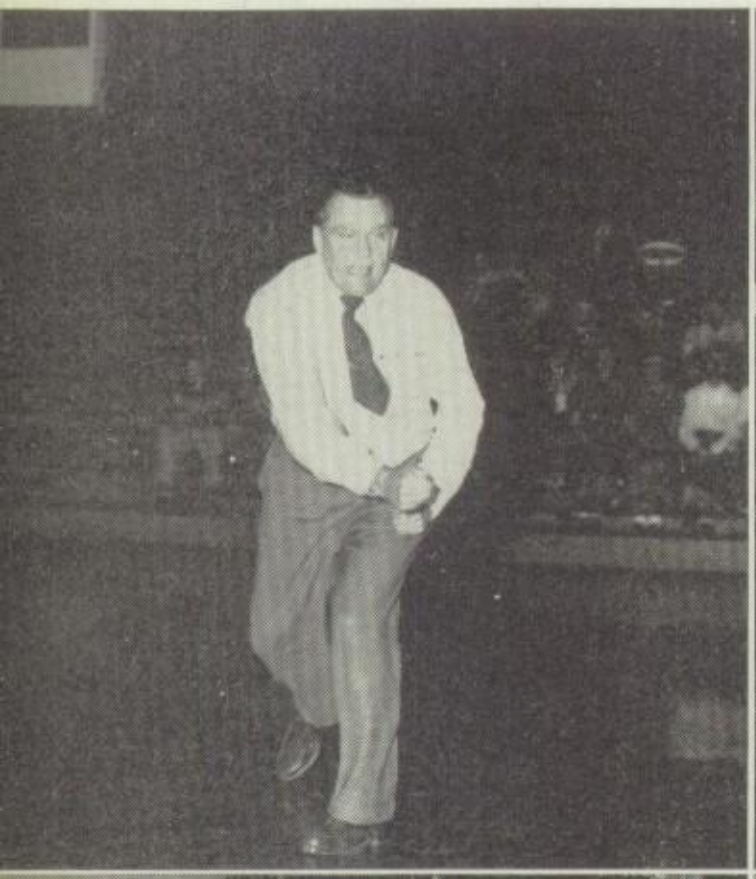
Music for the record dances was provided by John Hemdal, Dick McNary, Bob Appleton, and Jim Alwine of the sound equipment crew.

Pep Sessions, Class Quizzes, Holidays–

"P-E-R-U, Don't Boo!" yells Principal Earl Delph at a pep session before a home basketball game. Although school clubs took turns planning pep programs, Delph's performance was impromptu.

Students in freshman biology get first hand knowledge about animals. Mary Jean Blanchard holds the department's hamster, while Marilyn Rumpf feeds it and Bob Dehaven watches.

Many were the times when hi school students such as Carolyn Ca idy used the main office phone to c home or to get information outside t school.



Typing and filing were taken care of in Mr. Rector's office by these student office assistants, Norma Garber and Joyce Saunders.

Studying world history, the students in Mr. Philip Ortwein's classes get a more complete picture of the other countries of the world with the use of maps.

"A stitch in time saves nine" co be the motto of Jane Weideman a Janet Beard as they learn the fundam tals of sewing in clothing class.

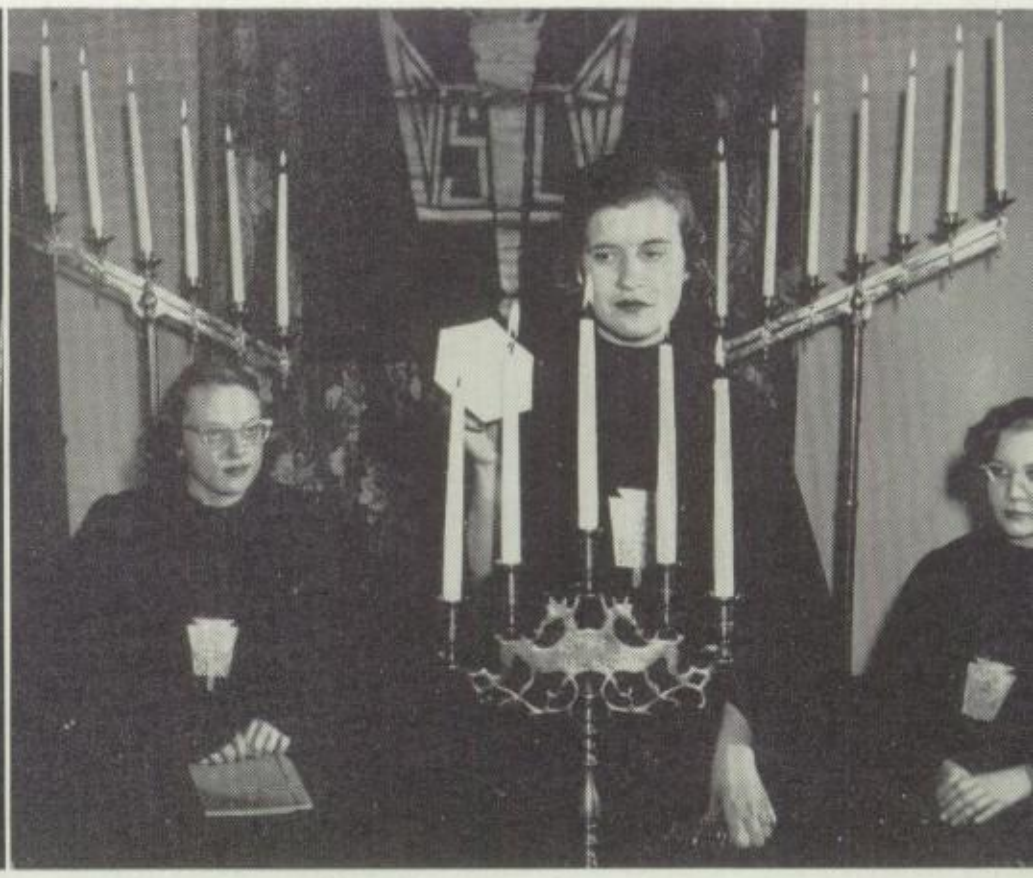
Break Winter's Monotony

Ideally, winter was the best time to study. Frenzied efforts toward that end were employed by all before the semester finals. Activities crowded close together, hot and heavy. After-game dances, club meetings, special projects, and auditoriums consumed our time, interests, and energies. Many were the times when we put away the seriousness of education for the snowy sports of the outdoors. Snowballing, sledding, and skiing stole the show for a while at least.

Long, swishy formals, white shirts, and ties typified the "Candyland Ball," December 16. Nancy Thrush and Bill Held, Joyce Gross and J. D. Stegman, and Edith North and Joe Barnett find the music most enjoyable.

Cutting and pasting on their journalism scrapbooks, Bob Williams and Ann Palmer slave away on their books in order to get them done before the semester ends.

Drafting conferences helped Dick Neher, Nelson Callender, and Gene Ralstin to check over their work to see how it could be improved.



During the formal Honor Society initiation, Mary Wylie lights one of the symbolic candles as Bonnie Huffer and Edith North watch.

"Now are you sure you understand how this backstage dimmer for the spotlights works?" questions Gene Ralstin of the stage crew. They are Bob Wittig and LeRoy Arnold, down, and Dick Calvin, Tom Wooten, Dennis Arnold, and Larry Goble, standing, left to right.

Junior Class Officers

Inspecting the junior class rings, Jim Buckalew, president, and Joe Barnett, treasurer, look on as Dick Neher, vice-president, and Ruth Hartleroad, secretary, examine the rings more closely.

Being a Junior Was a Strain

We were glorified vice-presidents—a step beyond the underclassmen and a step below the authority of the seniors. We started assuming offices and working on committees. By now the customs of our school were known by us, and we passed them along to the sophomores.

Important on the varsities, scholastically rating high, we took pride in the individual members of our class. Some of us starred in our junior play, "Uncle Fred Flits By," while others helped behind the scenes with make-up, prompting, and selling tickets. With the money we made from the play, February 16, we financed the Junior-Senior Prom.

The class auditorium, March 21, branded us as outstanding. By the time of our prom, we had begun to feel pretty important to Peru High. We enjoyed the confusion of graduation and captured some of the sentiment of the year's last days.

And then came the final sign of growing up—taking over during Senior Week. Thus as juniors, we matured. Impatiently we awaited our senior year, and now at last, we come into our own.

JUNIORS

Row 1—Robert Appleton, Barbara Baber, Frank Baldwin, Patricia Barkdull, Joe Barnett, Carol Bell, Thomas Bell.

Row 2—Ruth Betz, Peggy Black, Dale Bowerman, John Boyer, Thomas Boyer, Charlotte Brock, Barbara Brown.

Row 3—James Buckalew, James Bullock, Robert Burns, Merwyn Burrous, Robert Burrous, Robenia Caldwell, Carolyn Cassidy.

Row 4—Ann Chamberlain, Pat Colgrove, Milo Conn, Charles Cox, Shirley Crist, Edward Dagnen, Darlene Daine.

Row 5—James Day, Patricia Deason, Jack DeBrular, Nancy Deisch, James Dock, James Doerr, Mary Duncan.

Row 6—Mary Jane Earhart, Benjamin Easter, Kenneth Easterday, Suzanne Eberle, Betty Edmond, William Edmond, Gene Ellis.

Row 7—Joan Eltzroth, Donna Featherstone, Ralph Finicle, Peggy Flohr, Irma Fowler, Earl Foy, Wilma Gallahan.

Row 8—Marilyn Garbert, Berman Gasaway, Marcia Gatlin, Lewis Gaunt, Anna Gerard, Jack Girvin, Earl Glassburn.

Row 9—Elmer Gochenour, Elizabeth Grafft, Eunice Gross, Franklin Gross, James Gross, Gerald Guyer, Harold Guyer, Beverly Haley.

Row 10 — Richard Hall, Donald Hartleroad, Ruth Ann Hartleroad, Porter Hayes, William Held, John Hemdal, Donald Hiers, Milton Hiers.

JUNIORS

Row 1 — William Hiers, Richard Hileman, Dale Hoff, Raymond Howard, Mary Hunter, John Isenbarger, Julia Ann Jackson.

Row 2—Bernard Johnson, Georgeann Jones, Marilyn Jones, Robert Jones, Norma Kerschner, Janet Laudenschlager, Thomas Lennon.

Row 3—Margot Loveland, Dean McKamey, Barbara McKinney, Richard McNary, Lee Marsh, Claudette Mathis, Murilyn Miller.

Row 4—Robert Mills, Richard Mughmaw, Carmella Musto, Bonnie Mygrant, Richard Neher, Daniel O'Connell, William Odum.

Row 5—Dale Ogden, Ann Palmer, Roselie Pogue, Jack Reed, William Reed, Kenneth Reibly, Aleece Reifinger.

Row 6 — James Richards, Uva Richardson, Lola Robinson, Joan Ruble, Patricia Sagester, Barbara Saltz, Jack Schram.

Row 7—Betty Sue Sears, Nancy Sharp, Paul Shipley, Beverly Shoemaker, Mary Lee Sillings, Clara Snow, Francis Stanton.

Row 8 — James Stokes, Peggy Stringer, Phyllis Struble, Terry Temple, Allen Thompson, Dean Thompson, Richard Thompson, Carol Toepfer.

Row 9—Joe Turner, Barbara Ulery, Robert Wackerle, Earl Wayne, David Weis, Lenora Whitlock, Nancy Whitlock, James Wildrick.

Row 10—Robert Williams, Robert Wittig, Barbara Wolfe, Thomas Wooten, Donald Worsley, Floyd Wray, Robert Wray, Larry Younce.

Tresch Aids Cunningham

Superintendent Clyde Cunningham dictates a letter to his right-hand helper, Mrs. Mary Tresch, in his newly-decorated office.

Board Promotes "New Look" in High School

Interrupted during a regular Monday night meeting, the school board obligingly looks up from its many memorandums of business. Left to right, they are Mr. Herman Niswander, Dr. Don Mahley, Mrs. Mary Robinson, and Mr. E. T. McCormack.

Clerk Mrs. Earl Bennett delves into the office files in search of an elusive bit of information for Mr. Earl Delph, principal.

Delph Guides PHS Interests

Disrupted classes, desks in halls, penetrating odors of paint—all trumpet the fact that redecoration began in earnest this year at Peru High School. This action, along with such others as new lights at the football field, new shades in classrooms, and the "new look" in the deans' offices, was brought about by Superintendent Cunningham, Principal Delph, and the school board, with Herman Niswander as its president.

Wrestling made its debut at PHS, with Mr. Jack Foster as coach. Other newcomers to the faculty were Mr. John Cokain, industrial arts teacher, Mr. Hal Kesler, speech instructor, Mr. Paul Bienz, assistant football coach and Junior High track mentor, and Mrs. Ruth Ramsey, who came from Junior High to teach home economics and to manage the cafeteria.

Thirty-three Staff Membe

Ann Arnold
English
Journalism

D. H. Boone
Printing
Mathematics

Helen Brundage
Library

John H. Cokain
Machine Shop

Noel E. Davis
Advanced Algebra
Geometry

Jess Dice
Chemistry
Physics
English

Richard W. Donovan
Bookkeeping
General Business

Dean Finch
English

Marie Haag
Attendance Officer

Cyril Hall
Drafting
Blue Print Reading

James F. Hawker
Speech
English
Bookkeeping

Ina L. Hornish
Latin
Spanish

Toy Jones
Government
History

Hal O. Kesler
English
Speech

James E. Noble
Theory Band
Choir Chorus

Phillip G. Ortwein
Social Studies

Clarence M. Oury
Biology
Narcotics

Paul Prible
Biology
Mathematics

Ruth Ann Ramsey
Home Economics

H. L. Rector
Grounds Superintendent

nstruct Students

Elizabeth A. Ridenour
Mathematics History

Julius "Bud" Ritter
Drivers Training Health

Patricia Roper
Speech Hearing Therapy

Ben L. Rufe
Algebra

Mildred Shideler
Girls Physical Education

Mary Stutesman
English

Wayne F. Taylor
Art

Bertha Tereba
Health Home Nursing English

Ruth V. Wagner
Junior Business Shorthand
Typing

N. E. "Gene" Wernz
Boys Physical Education

Hester C. Wood
Shorthand Typing
Salesmanship

Tom Yeager
Woodwork Foundry

School nurse Bernice LeMaster bandages the hand of Jim Johnson in her office while Mary Jane Phillipy stands by ready with the adhesive tape.

Planning the picture layouts for the 1951 Narcissus, Mary Jane Wylie, associate editor, Alice VanOsdol, editor-in-chief, seated, confer with Joe Barnett, copy editor, Miss Ann Arnold, adviser, and George Sovers, business manager, standing.

Narcissus Features Seasons Theme

Using the seasons as the 1951 yearbook theme, the Narcissus staff spent many hours making a dummy for the book. Editor-in-chief Alice VanOsdol and business manager, George Sovers, with the supervision of Miss Ann Arnold, present this all-round picture of school life, season by season. Clubs, sports, student productions, classes, and informal pictures have been placed in chronological order throughout the book.

Working in cooperation with the editorial staff, the business staff sold 59 ads. Mary Jane Wylie, associate editor, took complete charge of the senior pictures and questionnaires. Alan Wrigley was sports editor for the book, and the copy was read by Nancy Sharp and Joe Barnett.

At the auditorium, November 7, the staff was introduced and over six hundred pledges signed. Subscriptions and collections were handled by Miss Hester Wood and the members of her homeroom.

Editorial Staff

Row 1: Wold, Fesler, Wilson, Chamberlain, Kramer, Whittenberger, Toepfer, Sharp.
Row 2: Stegman, McCormack, North, Oury, Hosman, Wrigley, Ditzler, Hartleroad, Gross, Gearhart, Nash.

Business Staff

Row 1: Phillipy, Hartleroad, McCormack, Pope, Walker.

Row 2: Keel, Niswander, Alspach.

Circulation Staff

Row 1: Geyer, Kile, Phillipy, Oates, Martin, Michael, McCandless, Hulce, Howard.

Row 2: Hartshorne, Cunningham, Harris, Moseley, Kenworthy, Sharp, Ditzler, Starkey, Schini, Fiser.

Row 3: Wolfe, Holler, Rothermel, Spencer, Ralstin, McMinn, Alwine, Miss Wood, sponsor.

Twelve candidates were initiated into the Quill and Scroll, national journalism honorary, April 18, at the home of Miss Ann Arnold, adviser. Miss Arnold and Alice VanOsdol conducted the candlelight recognition ceremony for the new members.

Members of this organization were responsible for the Journalism Jump, September 15. A. T. Bolt, artist-lecturer, was the main speaker at the publications banquet, May 16.

Quill and Scroll

Row 1: Toepfer, Price, Wylie, Hartleroad, McCormack, North, VanOsdol.

Row 2: Sharp, Wrigley, Sovers, Miss Arnold, adviser, Barnett, Chamberlain. Ann Palmer was vacationing in Florida at the time that the picture was taken.

Peruvian Publishes 29 Issues

Twenty-nine issues of the **Peruvian** were published this school year under the supervision of Edith North, editor-in-chief, Mollie Price, business manager, and Miss Ann Arnold, adviser. Special issues included the Thanksgiving, Christmas, senior, and two underclassman issues.

Informative features about the deprartments of Peru High School were assigned by Pat McCormack, feature editor. Every week, Alan Wrigley, sports writer, specialized in a sports column, "Tiger Tales Told" and in interviews of athletes.

Miss Arnold filled the position of "Jack-of-all-trades," in that she not only advised and supervised, but also helped beginners learn to write news and feature stories.

Ten journalists attended the IHSPA convention at Franklin college, October 27-28. Miss Arnold, who accompanied the group, was president of the faculty division. Alice VanOsdol was executive board member of the student division.

Approximately twenty-two dollars worth of ads were run in each regular issue of the **Peruvian.** Mollie Price and her staff of nine members had solicited nearly fifty-four inches of weekly ads by October 1.

Peruvian Editors

Seated: Mollie Price, business manager; Edith North, editor-in-chief; Joe Barnett, copy editor, first semester.
Standing: Alan Wrigley, sports editor; Pat McCormack, feature editor.

Editorial Staff

Seated: Fesler, Chamberlain, Hartleroad, Wylie, Gearhart, Gross, Oury.
Standing: Fowler, Johnson, Stegman, Grafft, Sovers, Sharp, VanOsdol, Quinton, Weis.

Business Staff

Seated: Palmer, Loveland, Featherstone, Westcott.
Standing: Bishop, Reifinger, Niswander, McCormack.

One of the important phases in publishing a newspaper is, of course, the printing. Mr. D. H. Boone managed the **Peruvian** printing staff composed of 18 boys. Fridays were always busy days for these boys as they hurried to get the paper "off the press" in time for afternoon distribution.

Although it took long hours and hard work to publish the **Peruvian,** every minute of it was fun for the staff, especially the seniors.

Print Shop

Row 1: Gaunt, Foy, W. DeHaven, Holler, Hullinger, Howard, B. DeHaven, Mr. Boone, sponsor.
Row 2: Bell, Schmidt, Anderson, Reibly, Rasmussen, Marks, Powell, Burns.

Ninety Couples Attend Dance

Girls League officers gather in sponsor Mary Stutesman's office. Reading clockwise, they are Mary Jane Wylie, president; Elaine Scott, second vice-president; Pat Sagester, corresponding secretary; Joyce Gross, treasurer; Nora Hamman, recording secretary; and Mollie Price, first vice-president.

Serving as "big sisters" of the freshman girls, members of the Girls League opened the year's activities September 5, the first day of school.

Many "kiddies" attended the annual "Kid Party" held in the old gym, October 10. Movie cartoons, a television skit, an all-girl band, and a "kiddies" style show were featured in this yearly event.

Ninety girls and their escorts danced to the music of Clark Keen and his five piece band at the "Candyland Ball," December 16. The main attraction of the decorations was a huge Christmas tree standing in the middle of the auditorium floor.

Among the services for the school, the Girls League planned the Christmas auditorium, December 20. Mothers of all high school girls were invited to the annual Mother-Daughter tea in the auditorium, March 15. A league committee also decorated the Christmas tree in the main hall of the old building.

Girls League Council

Row 1: Ruble, Neher, McCormack, Rouch, Glassburn, Miss Stutesman, sponsor.
Row 2: Trexler, Laudenschlager, Kile, Nash, Wilson, Beebe, DeHaven.
Row 3: Hayes, Alspach, Niswander, Sullivan, Sharp, Young, Struble, Bishop.

President Dean Hadsell confers with his cabinet members, Bill Boxell, vice-president; Dan Schoenman, secretary; and Jack Lowe, sergeant-at-arms, about the Boys League projects.

Hadsell Plans Hop

Instead of the usual initiation, freshman boys and boys new to PHS were entertained at a film party, October 17.

After getting off to a good start, members plunged into their responsibilities of sponsoring the Thanksgiving auditorium and the spring Sweater Hop. Varied colors of sweaters could be seen March 16 at the scene of the hop—the old gym.

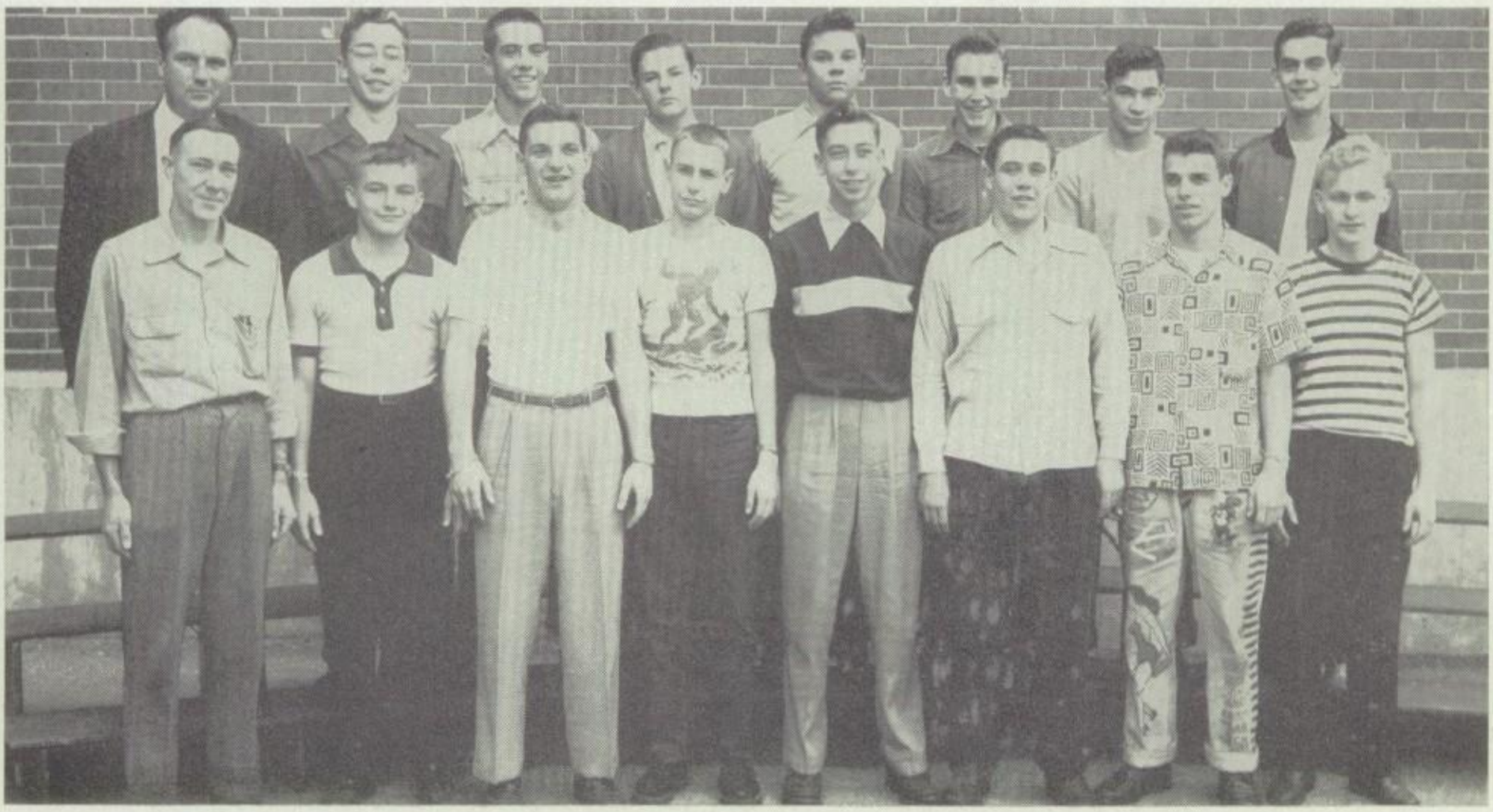
Dean Hadsell, president of the league, served as master of ceremonies at the annual Thanksgiving auditorium, November 22.

Working with the cabinet and their adviser, Mr. Toy Jones, the council members strived to improve school functions wherever possible.

Boys League Council

Row 1: Hite, Middlekauff, Finicle, Wray, Brewer, Hadsell, Boxell, Lovelace.

Row 2: Toy Jones, sponsor, Mills, Boyer, Johnson, Schoenman, Callender, Forshee, Redmon.



Honor Society

Row 1: Jordan, Hamman, Weis, Wrigley, B. Jones, Carpenter, Sovers, Barnett, Burrous, Wildrick.

Row 2: Loveland, Toepfer, Ulery, Sharp, Bishop, McCormack, Price, Eckelbarger, R. Jones, Helms.

Row 3: Mr. Rufe, sponsor, Hartleroad, VanOsdol, Fesler, Huffer, King, Hartshorne, Barkdull, Oates, Wylie, Miss Ridenour, sponsor.

Nine Juniors Join Honor Ranks

Outstanding among the National Honor Society's activities this year was the candlelight initiation, March 1. Nine juniors were formally received into the society, whereas 22 seniors remained members, making the total 31.

Leaders of the society during the first semester were Mary Wylie, president; Edith North, vice-president; and Bonnie Huffer, secretary-treasurer. David Jordan, president; Edith North, vice-president; and Jo Sharp, secretary-treasurer, served as second semester officers.

NFL Ranks Second in State

Proud of their rank as second in Indiana in number of memberships and degrees, the members of the Peru National Forensic League presented over 75 service programs during the school year.

NFL'ers journeyed to Indiana State Teachers college, North Side of Fort Wayne, Ball State Teachers college, Purdue university, Indiana university, Howe Military Academy, Hammond High, and other schools. Numerous first, second, and third placings were awarded the contestants.

National Forensic League

Row 1: C. Buckalew, Peggy McCormack, Wold, Strassle, Arnold, R. Wilson, Iliff, Quinton, Hartleroad, Mughmaw, Berkshire. **Row 2:** Mr. Hawker, sponsor, Jones, D. Wilson, Wylie, Reifinger, Grafft, Garber, Whittenberger, Thrush, Doerr, J. Buckalew, Mr. Kesler, sponsor. **Row 3:** VanOsdol, Niswander, Pat McCormack, North, Fowler, Price, King, Kramer, Sharpf, Keyes, Wray, Beard. **Row 4:** Easter, Gross, Hamman, Stegman, Carpenter, Stanton, Weis, Hutchison, Young, Harding, Wrigley, Richardson, Worsley, Wildrick.

Wilbur (Terry Temple) offers some flowers to his girl friend, Julia, (Elizabeth Grafft) as Francis Stanton, Dick Mughmaw, Aleece Reifinger, and Don Worsley watch him.

Junior Play Cast—Row 1: Wolfe, Sharp, Reifinger, Palmer, Grafft, Musto, student director. **Row 2:** Mr. Hawker, director, Wildrick, Reed, Temple, Weis, Stanton, Worsley. Dick Mughmaw, Darlene Daine, and Ann Chamberlain were absent when the picture was taken.

The Crumpet (Jim Wildrick) tries to prevent Lady Duff-Wilson (Nancy Sharp) and Mary Duff-Wilson (Darlene Daine) from entering Judge Basher's house. Both English women use their umbrellas to try to prove to the Crumpet that they are right.

Pongo Twistleton (Dick Mughmaw) pounds Judge Basher (David Weis) by mistake, as Aleece Reifinger, Don Worsley, Francis Stanton, Elizabeth Grafft, and Terry Temple register horror.

Junior Class Gives British Play

Fourteen junior play cast members, plus a crew of behind-the-scenes helpers, presented "Uncle Fred Flits By," a three-act comedy by P. G. Wodehouse, Friday, February 16, in the auditorium. Mr. James Hawker, drama coach, was assisted by Carmella Musto, student director, and Mr. Hal Kesler, assistant director.

Over 400 people saw this production. Members of the dramatics class managed the makeup, while the set was painted by the art classes.

Working with the difficult cockney accent, cast members brought out their broad A's in grand style.

Explaining an intricate play to the team, Coach Julius "Bud" Ritter chalks it on the gym floor. They are Coach Ritter, Thompson, Guyer, Oury, Mack, Assistant Coach Ortwein, down, and Baker, Marquis, Lowe, Hiers, Held, Redmon, Holler, Bowyer, Sonafrank, standing.

Rittermen Win 14, Lose 12 Games

A retirement fund would have been welcomed by most of the members of the 1950-51 Peru High School varsity basketball team; for, at the outset of the cage campaign, 15 players strutted their stuff in front of judging mentor, Bud Ritter, and at the termination of the season nine of these had deserted the net ranks.

In November, the Tiger varsity twelve included six seniors, five juniors, and one sophomore. In February, this same roster was made up of three seniors, three juniors, and six sophomores. Even with such an erratic line-up, Coach Ritter's sphere-handlers managed to obtain an over-all 14 won and 12 lost record.

The Tigers jumped into a rough schedule by absorbing a defeat at the hands of Bedford but easily rolled up victories in their next three contests. They then literally "gave up" to Logansport, but bounced back to win four of their next five battles; then the Tigers dropped steadily into the losers' column, finishing the regular season with 9 wins and 11 losses.

At halftime the majorettes, Carol Goshert, Claudette Mathis, Mary Duncan, Sheila Shipman, and Beverly Johnson, twirled to entertain the basketball fans.

Basketball Managers

Keeping team records and managing all equipment, Don Hulce, Jim Buckalew, Jim Fiser, Jim Alwine, and Dan Schoenman were kept busy all season.

Yell Leaders

"New Peru yell!" cry the cheer leaders, Jack Burnett, Bill Arthur, Don Worsley, Rosalie Alspach, and Ronald Wilson, as they lead one of the newer yells.

Varsity Basketball Scores

Nov. 17 Bedford 47, Peru 38
Nov. 22 Peru 43, Alexandria 38
Dec. 1 Peru 52, Plymouth 46
Dec. 8 Peru 67, Huntington 61
Dec. 15 Logansport 63, Peru 45
Dec. 19 Peru 66, Hartford City 48
Dec. 22 Marion 61, Peru 49
Dec. 30 (Holiday tournament) Madison 46, Peru 40; Jeffersonville 37, Peru 35
Jan. 5 Peru 59, Muncie Burris 51
Jan. 6 Peru 43, Ft. Wayne Central 41
Jan. 12 Peru 26, Rochester 25
Jan. 19 Tipton 52, Peru 41
Jan. 24 Logansport 55, Peru 40
Jan. 26 Elwood 65, Peru 43
Feb. 2 Wabash 56, Peru 46
Feb. 3 Peru 53, Kokomo 52
Feb. 9 Peru 43, Rochester 31
Feb. 10 Evansville Bosse 56, Peru 33
Feb. 17 Monticello 44, Peru 40
Feb. 23 (Sectional Tournament) Peru 78, Butler 34
Feb. 23 Peru 71, Mexico 44
Feb. 24 Peru 45, Bunker Hill 21
Feb. 24 Peru 77, Macy 36 (final)
Mar. 3 (Regional) Peru 61, Wabash 47. (Final) Kokomo 71, Peru 46

Bud's boys hit their stride against the county teams and smashed out largest margin in scores in the Sectional for any team in the state. On March 3, Peru participated in its last contest of the year, bowing out to Kokomo in the finals of the Regional tournament at Kokomo.

Jack Lowe, an All-Conference cager and a lad who outshot his nearest teammate in the scoring column by 200 points, was placed in the pivot position for the Bengals. Alvin Marquis and Bill Hiers broke into the starting lineup as forwards, and Jim Spencer, Ray Sonafrank, and Glenn Oury divided the guard duties.

Unlike the varsity quintet, Peru's reserve squad, under the direction of Coach Phillip Ortwein, managed to keep a steady pace during most of the basketball season. They riddled the nets for 11 wins in 18 ball games, regardless of the fact that the starting lineup was never stable.

B Team

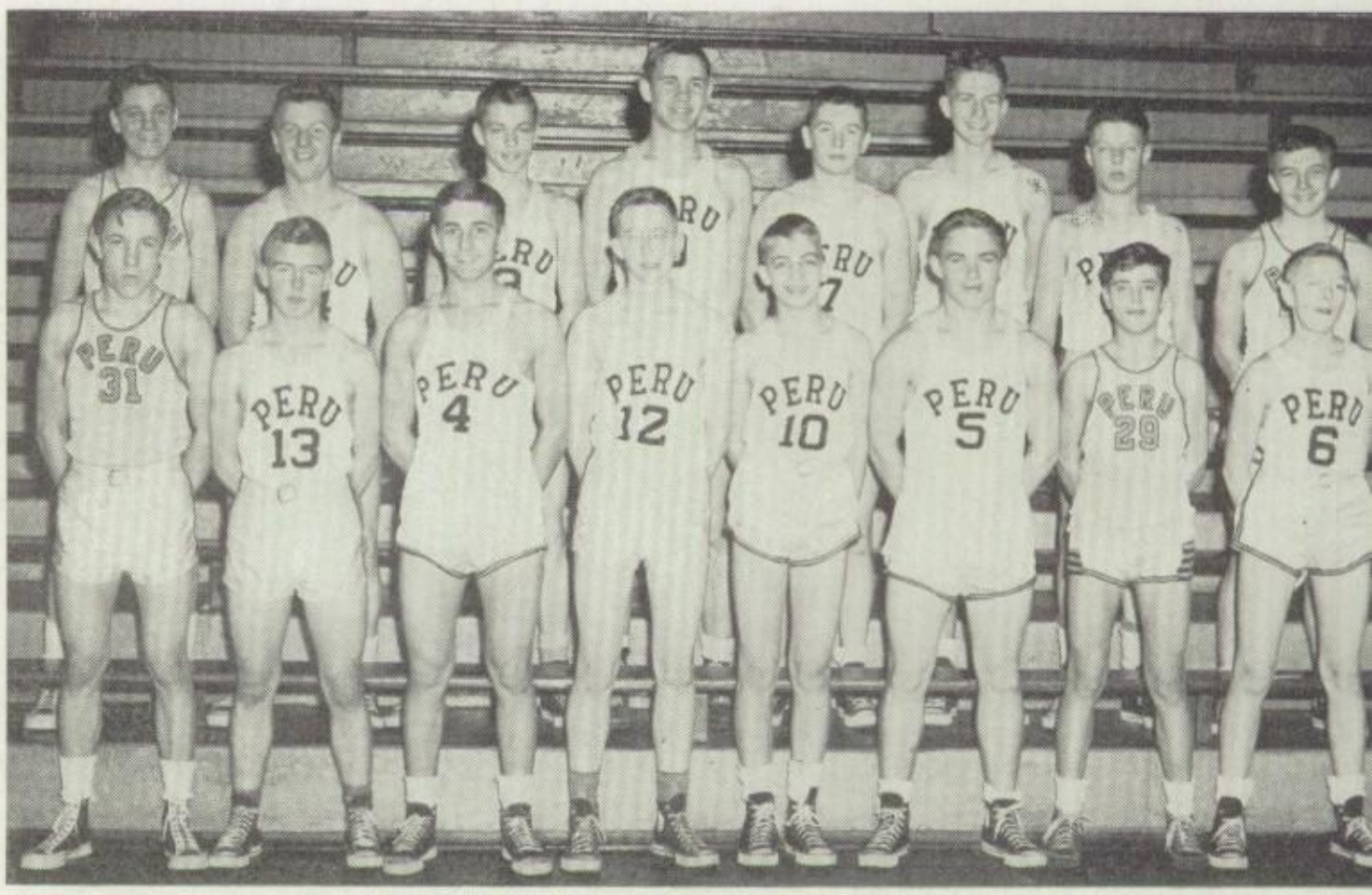
Row 1: Arnold, Jackson, Schlemmer, Nix, DeHaven, Petty, Draving.

Row 2: Forshee, McElheny, Kerschner, Dinsmore, Lavoncher, Brewer.

Six players who had opened the season with the Ortweiners advanced the ladder, one by one, to the ultimate goal of all freshmen and sophomores—first string cage duty.

Bill Held, Charles Baker, Raymond Sonafrank, Bob DeHaven, Jan Schlemmer, and Raymond Nix all performed for a while with the "B" squad, but all were members of the varsity twelve at tournament time.

The freshman netters, mentored by Coach Paul Prible, captured 9 ball games out of 14 to complete a winning season. They defeated Flora, 35-32; Plymouth, 27-25; Marion, 25-22; Northwestern, 39-18; Flora, 39-26; Marion again, 43-35; Northwestern again, 43-39; Logansport, 36-28; all during the regular season, and then downed Western in a late season tournament, 41-31. They lost to Plymouth, 44-43, in the same tourney, and dropped other battles to Mississinewa, 31-20 and 39-34, Huntington, 25-20, and Logansport, 42-32.



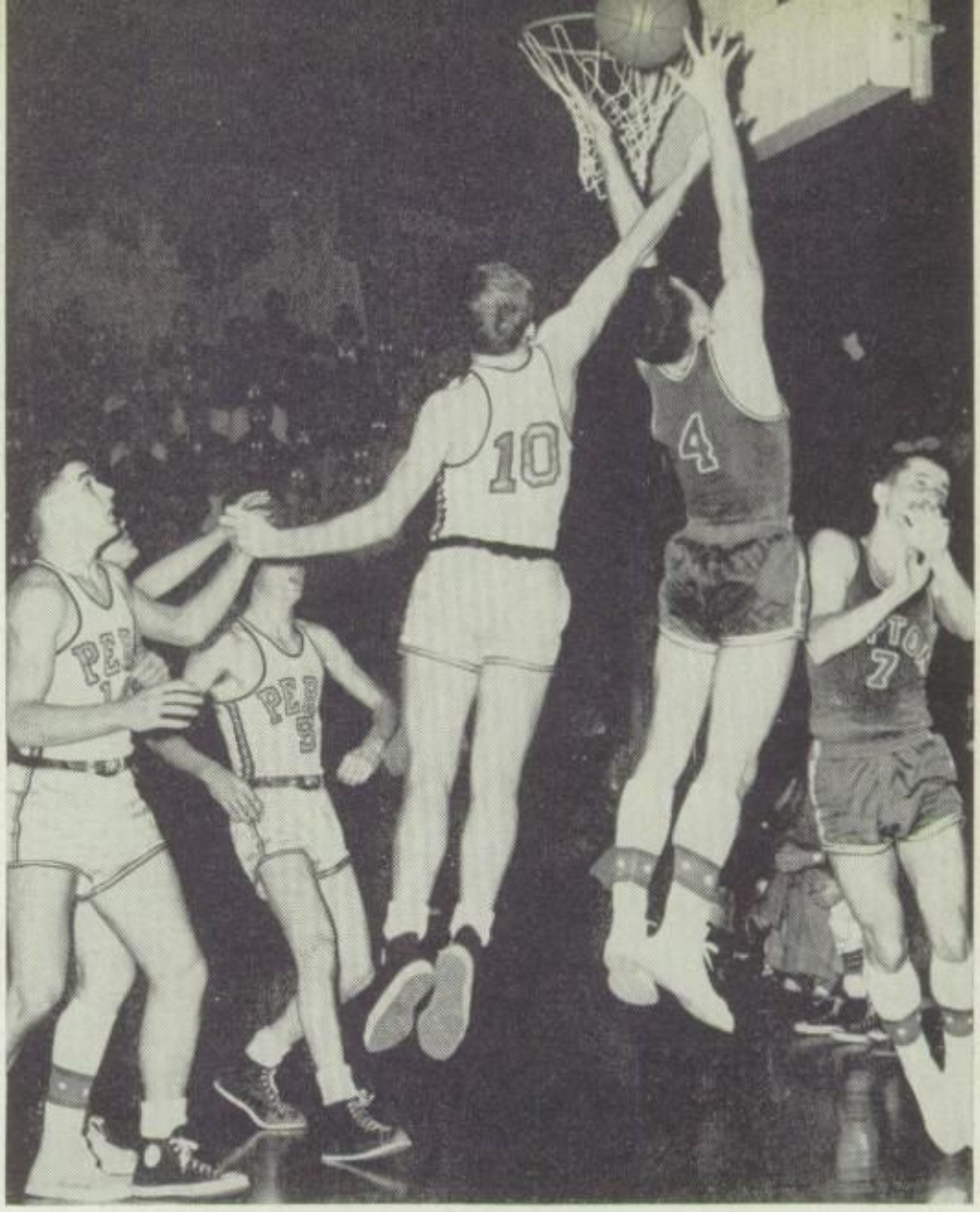
Freshman Team

Row 1: Hoppes, Benedict, Featherstone, Thompson, Arnold, Grimes, Friend, R. Doran.

Row 2: Simpkins, B. Doran, Buckalew, Beard, McPherson, King, Donaldson, Middlekauff.

"B" Team Scores

Nov. 17 Peru 48, Butler Twp. 24
Nov. 22 Peru 29, Alexandria 46
Dec. 1 Peru 39, Plymouth 34
Dec. 8 Peru 23, Huntington 29
Dec. 15 Peru 32, Logansport 30 (double overtime)
Dec. 19 Peru 40, Hartford City 25
Dec. 22 Peru 49, Marion 31
Jan. 5 Peru 22, Muncie Burris 36
Jan. 6 Peru 23, Ft. Wayne Central 26
Jan. 11 (County Tourney) Peru 45, Chili 47
Jan. 12 Peru 31, Rochester 25
Jan. 19 Peru 38, Tipton 32
Jan. 24 Peru 39, Logansport 36
Jan. 26 Peru 27, Elwood 30
Feb. 2 Peru 40, Wabash 36
Feb. 3 Peru 36, Kokomo 30
Feb. 9 Peru 34, Rochester 44
Feb. 17 Peru 41, Monticello 32

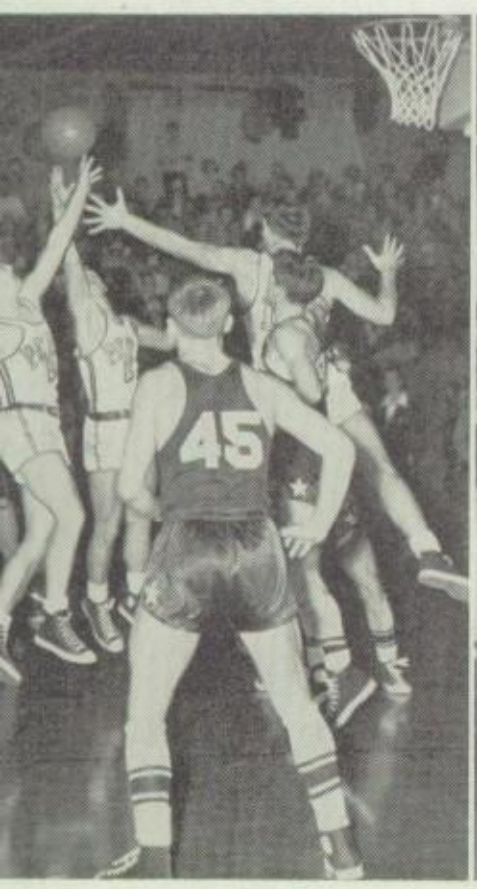


Forward Al Marquis takes a rebound from the hands of a Tipton player under their basket . . . Tipton won the game, 52 to 41.

Flying arms and legs make a
ystery of which team, Hart-
ord City or Peru, the ball be-
ngs to—a referee's headache.
eru won, 40 to 25.

"Rebound!" screams Coach Ritter to one of the boys in an exciting moment of a home game. Action on the players bench was almost as interesting as the game itself when Ritter went through his antics.

Battling it out in a "jump ball," Bob Bowyer and a Huntington player leap high, while their respective team members wait tensely for the ball.



Basketball Ushers
Row 1: Mr. Davis, sponsor, Shultz, Hoover, Leedy, Lawson, Rumpf, Miss Shideler, sponsor. **Row 2:** L. Gaunt, C. Pontius, DeHaven, Dan Sunday, Carswell, Sharp, Glassburn. **Row 3:** Arnold, Odum, Day, R. Gaunt, Raver, David Sunday, R. Pontius.

Ushers Seat Net Fans

Courtesy was the key word of twenty ushers whose work helped those attending the basketball games to find their seats. David Carswell and Shirley Leedy served as co-captains.

The ushers were given special privileges, such as attending the home games and the sectional tourney free. Mr. Noel E. Davis and Miss Mildred Shideler supervised the group.

Working Leads League Scorers

Leading the scoring stars of the noon league basketball games, Gerald Working copped first honors with 271 points. Purdue, captained by Gerald Beard placed first in the team standing by losing only one out of fifteen games.

Bill Arthur's team, Northwestern, placed as champions in the tournament. All the noon intramural basketball was under the supervision of Coach Phillip Ortwein.

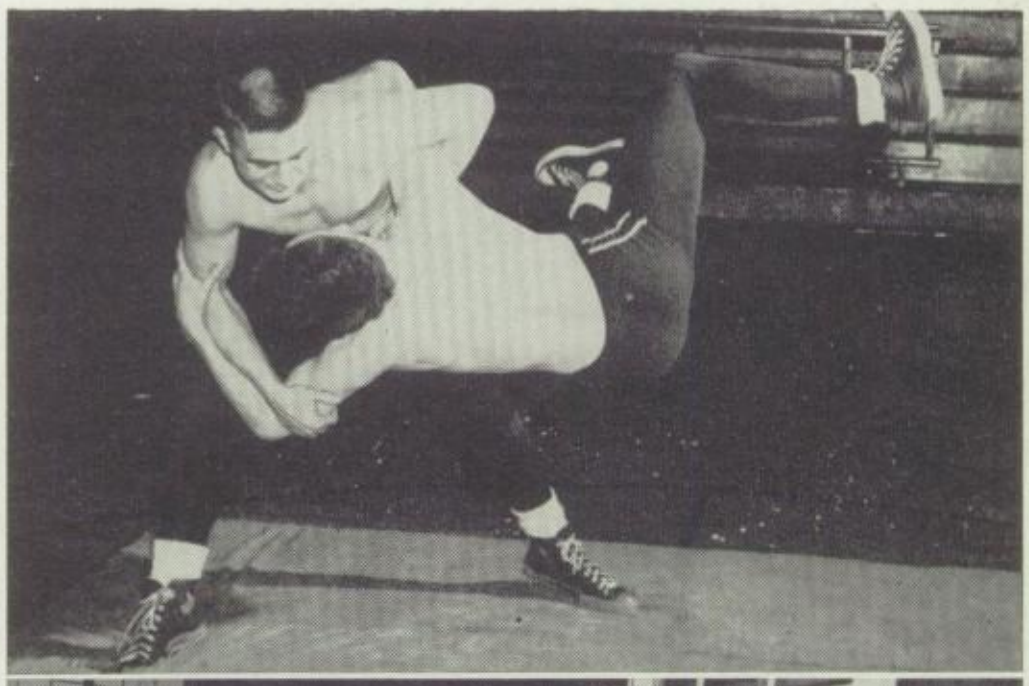
Noon League Basketball
Row 1: Reed, Kramer, Williams, Beard, Lininger. **Row 2:** Mavrick, Working, Lennon, Arthur.

Wrestling Team

Row 1: Birner, Boyd, Pecen, Good, Wouster, Hilgeman, Burrous, Doerr. **Row 2:** Coach Foster, Zimmerman, Sharp, Sutton, K. Isenbarger, Reed, J. Isenbarger, Mavrick, Griebling, DePuy, Barrows, Sovers, manager.

Foster Introduces Wrestling

Peru's first wrestling team took fourth place in the South Bend sectional and ended their season with a record of one win, one tie, and four losses. Coach Jack Foster's matmen lost to Anderson, 54-0; Decatur Central, 48-0; Southport, 33-13; and Culver, 36-16. They tied West Lafayette, 30-30, in the season opener, and later defeated them, 34-16.



During a practice wrestling bout, John Hilgeman flips John Isenbarger in a "whizzer hold." Always thrilling to watch, the wrestling meets attracted many spectators.

Up go Pat Kramer and Alan Wrigley, to vie with a classmate for the rebound during a noon league basketball game. Qualified students and ex-students refereed the games.

"D" Day or Narcissus distribution day is always a spring highlight. Signing each other's annuals, Bob Beard, Bob Doran, Ben Mohler, Martha Butler, Pat McNamara, and Barbara Wolfe are just a part of the main hall crowd.

Perennial Spring Fever Attacks PHS

A fresh awakening . . . . the fun of Canteen . . . . birdies on the golf course . . . . mound stars . . . . windows open, warm winds blowing doors open and shut . . . . breathless cindermen . . . . all the tradition of the Junior Prom. . . . . perennial epidemic of spring fever . . . . noontime hubbub on the "front porch" . . . May heat . . . . studying more-or-less overlooked . . . . frantic cramming for exams . . . . grand finale of Senior Week . . . . sadness and excitement . . . . the rush of graduation.

After high school most seniors such as Jack Warner are faced with the question—what now? Jack seems to favor the armed forces.

To keep the NFL sweepstakes trophy, the forensic members will have to work hard. Mary Wylie and Terry Temple examine the trophy.

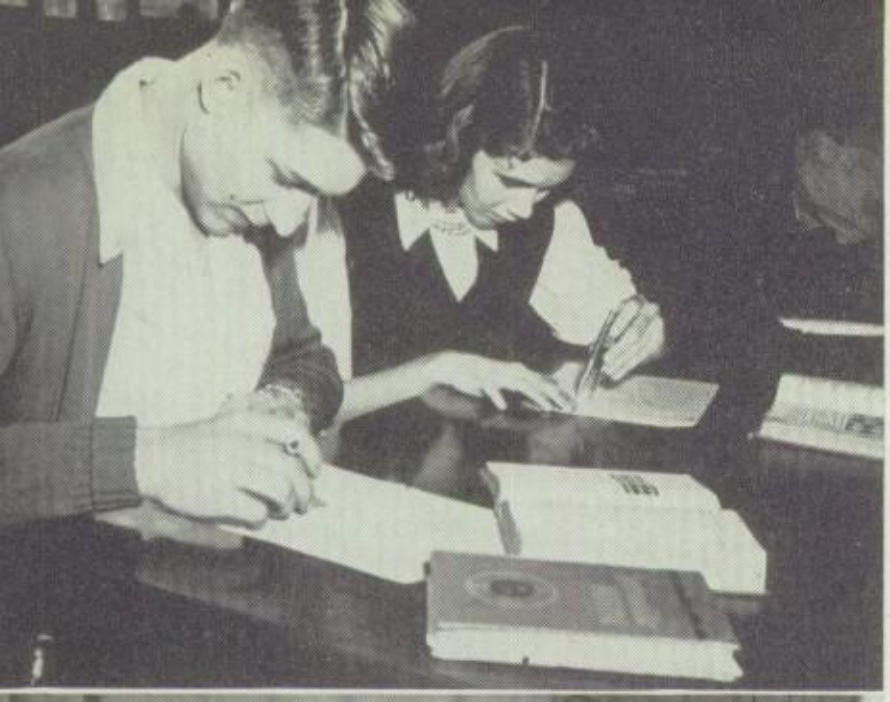
Juniors Fete Seniors at Prom

Gay and exciting as ever, the Junior Prom was a terrific dance last year. Crepe paper formed a low ceiling, and a maypole centered the floor.

Formals and flowers, suits and shoe shines, all were here. High point of the dance was the grand march shown below.

School went on the same as usual. Drivers training waxed heavy with potential chauffeurs. Spring seemed in everybody's blood as the greenness came back to the out-of-doors.

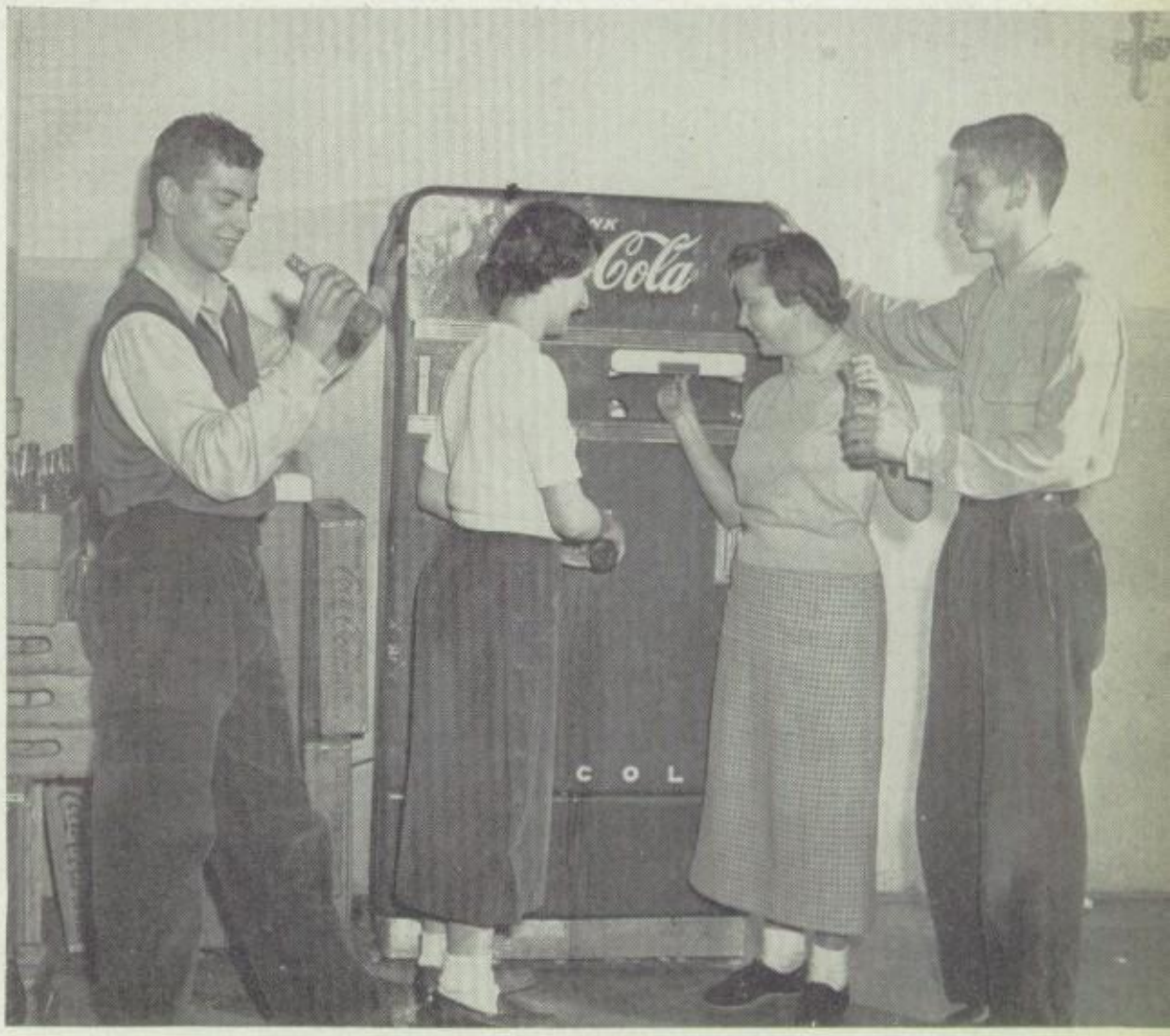
Class Work Claims Attention



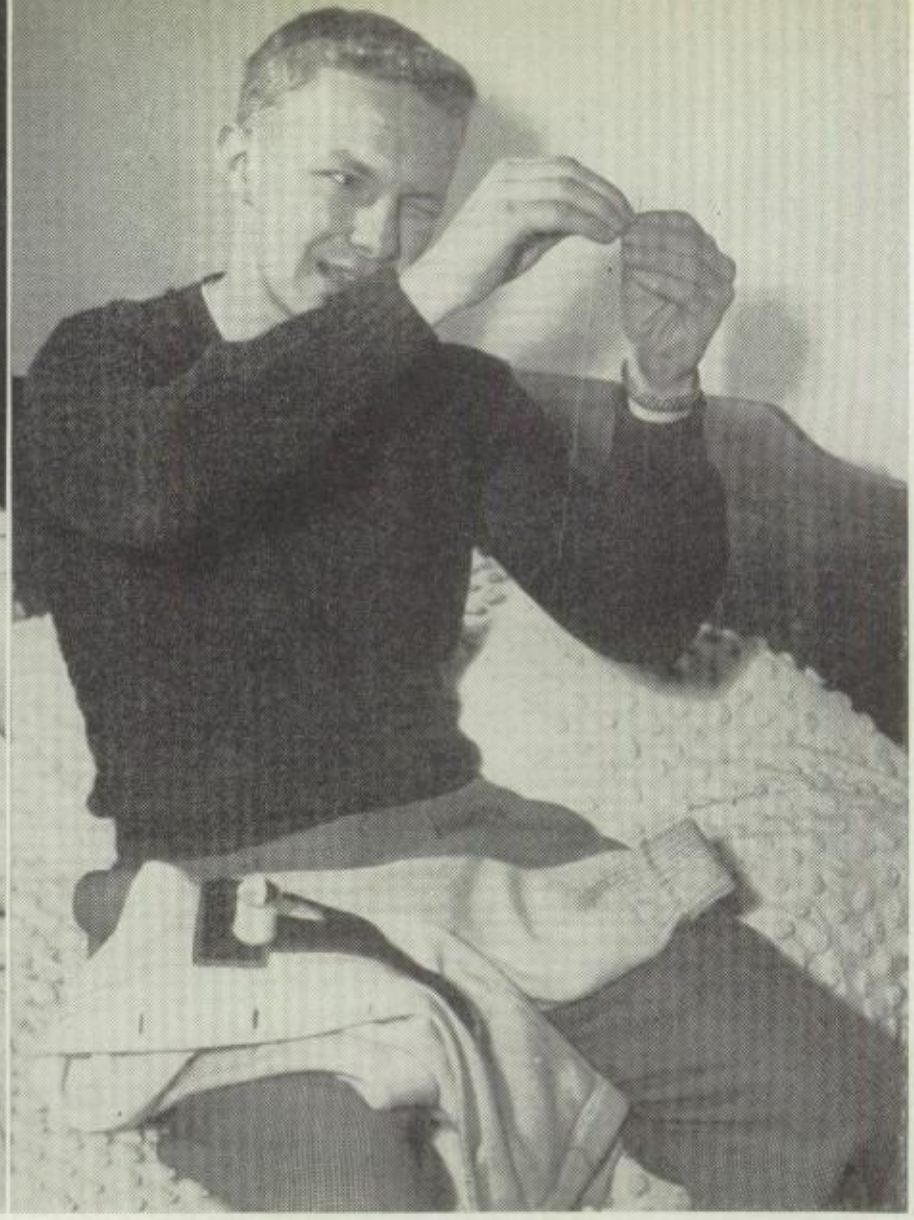
Compasses and rulers were the main tools of trade for these geometry students, Bob Cook and Martha Merriett.

Members of the dramatics class take to the lighter side of things as they decorate the class play sets. Marcia Hayes, Louise Orpurt, and Jo Sharp paint, as Bob Bowyer instructs them in its finer points.

Ever popular, the coke machine receives attention from Dean Jones, Nancy Sharpf, Phyllis Russell, and Earl Wayne.



Don Worsley and Margot Loveland wait their turn at the water cooler while Mary Duncan drinks. There is no better antidote for spring fever than a good, cold drink.



Award day makes part-time seamstresses of the athletes. Bub Foy seems to be having difficulty threading his needle to sew on his major "P" letter.

Students Replace Teachers on Award Day

Timed writings proved to be the bane of Phyllis Struble's life. Why? Because Miss Wagner looks so formidable with the clock in her hand and because Ronald Minns is such a heckler.

Happy faces suggest that these students, Dean Brewer, Juanita Whybrew, and Mona Jo Herrell, are glad to store away their books for the summer vacation.

Using a safety class machine, Nancy Whitlock adjusts the tiny cars in a straight line.

Hamman Acts as Superintendent

Every Award Day the students "run" the school. Officials are chosen from the senior class. President of the student body, George Hamman, acted as superintendent while Gerald Beard, vice-president, served as principal. Even in the classes student teachers were elected. Assignments were given and recitations were heard.

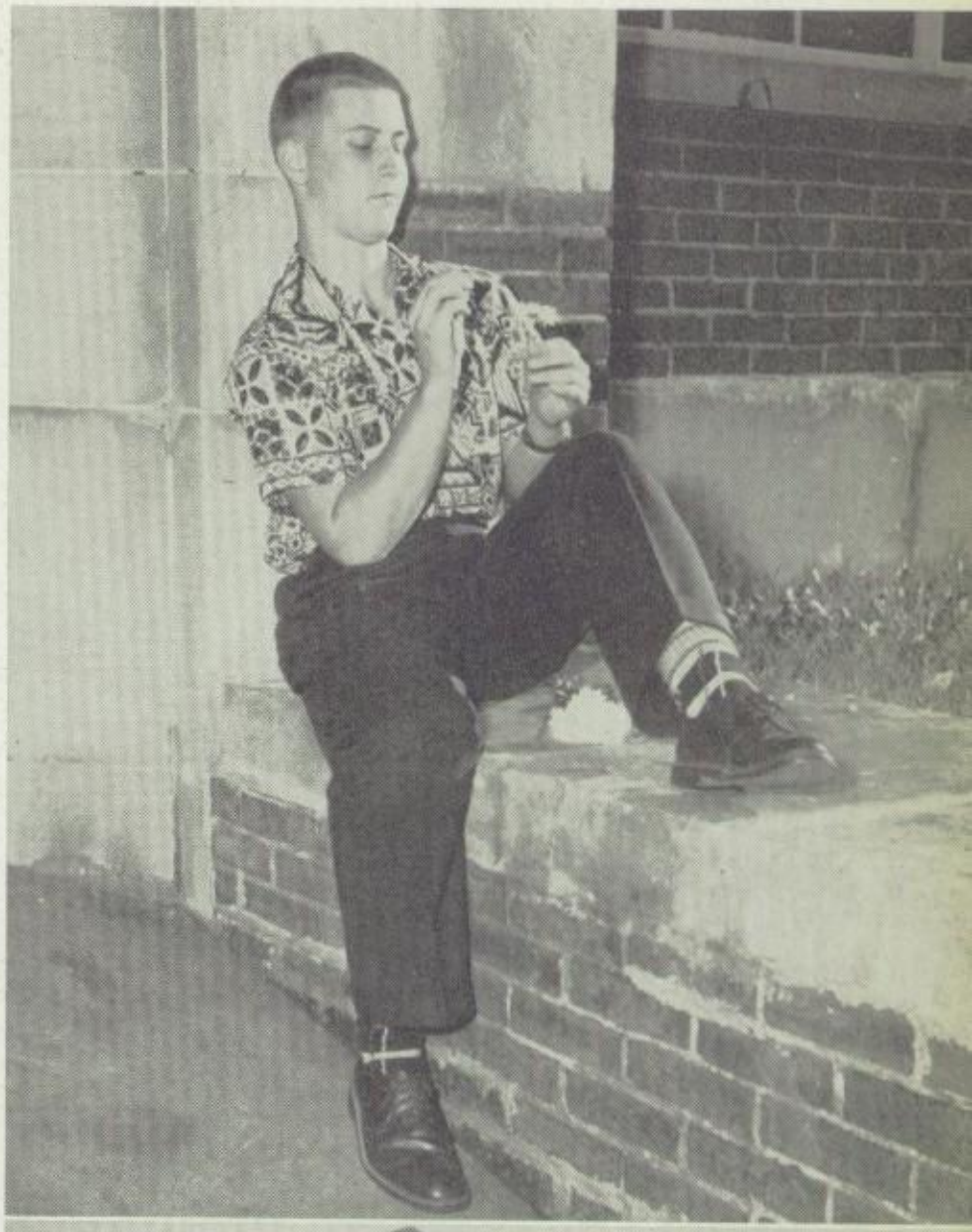
Last minute banquets, parties, and picnics crowd the calendars of students and teachers alike. Vacation draws near and some seem overjoyed at the prospect, while others are a bit less enthusiastic about gaining their summer "freedom."

Properly sedate in their caps and gowns, these seniors of 1950 file into the gymnasium for the Senior Day program.

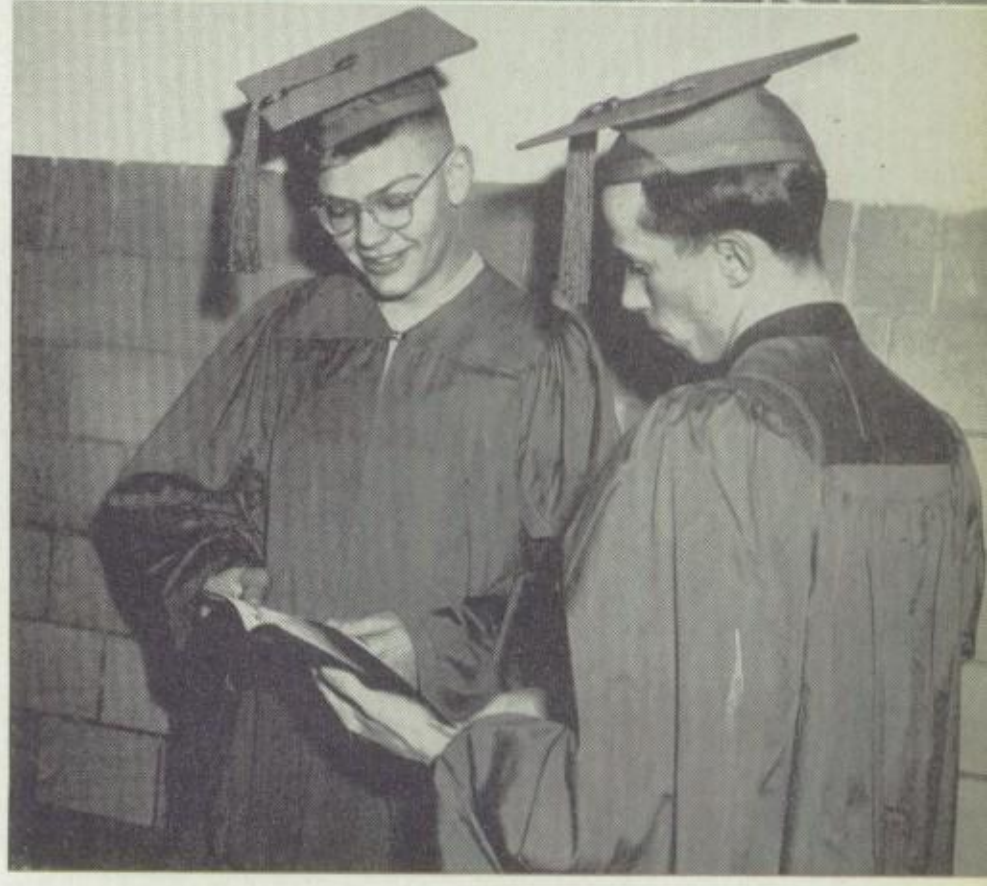
Biology field trips to study the trees are conducted by Mr. Clarence Oury shown here explaining the horse-chestnut tree to Wesley Sutton, Jim Featherstone, Dan Sunday, and Mary Roberts.

Pandemonium reigned for a while among the seniors as graduation loomed closer and closer. Hot days were welcomed by the seniors as they whiled away their hours of Senior Week. Underclassmen were caught up in the thrill of it all, and even the freshmen realized the importance of the occasion.

Seniors Receive Diplomas



"She loves me—she loves me not," mutters Dean Thompson as spring loves seemingly engulf the school.



Don Karowsky and Jim VanOsdol examine their diplomas as if they just can't realize that they are graduated and through with high school.

Then came the final march, May 24, to receive diplomas. Never again would they attend classes, be in school productions, lounge and chat between classes with underclassmen. Ahead was a brand new, full life for all of them. Closed was the school year 1951.

Senior Class Officers

Posing in the traditional caps and gowns are Madonna Petterson, secretary; Edith North, vice-president; sitting, and Alan Wrigley, president; and Victor Tully, treasurer; standing. These senior class officers worked long and hard for their commencement exercises.

Seniors Recall Happy Memories

Illustrating the old belief that not all of the best things are large, a class of only 142 seniors completed a successful four years in Peru High School by receiving numerous scholastic and athletic awards at their graduation exercises, May 24.

Under the leadership of Alan Wrigley, president, the senior class presented their play, "Life With Father," April 19 and 20, exhibited their talents before the student body in the senior auditorium on March 28, and assumed the presidencies of most of the school clubs.

Time and time again, as the seniors of '51 attended the school dances and ball games, whiled away idle hours at the canteen, and threw parties of their own at the slightest provocation, they realized that their years at PHS had been happy, memory-filled, and unforgettable.

Seniors of nineteen fifty-one . . .

ROW ONE

John Fredrick Alwine
Hi-Y; Industrial Club; Narcissus Collector 4.

Joyce Joan Anderson
GAA; Rodeo.

Vernon W. Anderson
P-Club; Hi-Y; Boys League; Football; Noon League; Night League.

ROW TWO

Myron Angle
Track.

Bill L. Arthur
Boys League; P-Club; Track; Cheer Leader 1, 2, 3, 4; Rodeo; Operetta; Choir; Intramural Basketball.

Dwight Baker
Hi-Y; Cross Country; Track; Hi-Y Conferences.

ROW THREE

Gerald Beard
Transferred from Butler Township High School 3; Music Club; Science Club; NFL; Hi-Y; Student Council, Vice-Pres. 4; Baseball; Noon League Basketball; Rodeo; Operetta; Choir; Canteen, Vice-Pres. 3, 4.

Harry R. Beard
Hi-Y, Asst. Sgt.-at-Arms 1, Sgt.-at-Arms 2; Football, Varsity 3, 4; P-Club.

Gerrianne Beebe
Art Club; GAA; Y-Teens; Bowling; Narcissus 3; Volleyball; Rodeo; Junior Play; Office Helper 3; Girls League Council 4.

ROW FOUR

Sally Ann Bishop
NFL; Art Club; GAA; Girls League Council 4; Choir; Narcissus Ad Staff 3, Art Staff 3, 4; Peruvian 4; Purdue Legislative Assembly 4; Debate, Varsity 3, 4; 2nd Place, NFL State Debate Meet 3; Junior Play; Rodeo; American Legion Poster Contest, 1st Prize; United Nations Poster Contest, 1st Prize; Honor Society.

Patricia Ann Black
C-21, Secy. 2, 3; Music Club; Rodeo; Choir.

Robert Milton Bowyer
Transferred from Onward, Indiana 4; Basketball, Varsity 4.

ROW FIVE

William James Boxell
Basketball; Football, Varsity 3; Hi-Y, Vice-Pres. 1, Secy. 2; P-Club; Boys League Council 1, 2, 3, 4; Intramural Basketball; Boys League Cabinet, Sgt.-at-Arms 3, Vice-Pres. 4.

Jack P. Burnett
NFL; Art Club; Hi-Y; Commercial Club; Rodeo; Junior Play; Cheer Leader 2, 3, 4; Intramural Basketball; Office Helper 3, 4.

Jane Ellen Bussard
Honor Society; Y-Teens, Pres. 4; Music Club, Prog. Chm. 3, Secy. 4; Student Council 2; Operetta; GAA; Choir; Rodeo, Attendant 3, Maid of Honor 4; Office Helper 3, 4; Tigerettes.

ROW SIX

Martha A. Butler
Y-Teens; GAA; Girls League; Rodeo; Office Helper 4.

Philip L. Carpenter
Honor Society; NFL, Treas. 2, 3, 4; Band, 1st Lieut. 4; Music Club; Pep Band; Rodeo; Track; Cross Country; Purdue Legislative Assembly 2, 4; American Legion Speech Contest, 1st Place Sub-District.

Dale B. Catey
FFA; P-Club; Football, Varsity 3, 4; Baseball; Intramural Basketball.

ROW SEVEN

B. Gene Cook
Commercial Club; Hi-Y; Peruvian Typist 4; Narcissus Collector 4; Orchestra; Rodeo; Library Asst.; Band.

Gloria Costin
GAA; Art Club; Y-Teens; Commercial Club; Girls League; Rodeo; Music Club; Freshman Cheer Leader; Office Helper.

Katherine Louise Creager
GAA; Music Club; Girls League; Rodeo; Choir.

Seniors of nineteen fifty-one . . .

ROW ONE

Helen Ruth Cunningham
Commercial Club, Secy. 4; Y-Teens; GAA; Music Club; Student Council 1; Band; Pep Band; Narcissus Collector 4; Canteen Com. 2; Canteen Cavalcade Attendant 1.

Sharon Sue Davis
Transferred from Monticello, Indiana 3; Junior Red Cross, Vice-Pres. 3; Y-Teens; GAA; Girls League; Rodeo.

Charles W. DeHaven
Hi-Y; Industrial Club; Usher 1, 2, Co-captain 3, 4; Football, Mgr. 1, 2, 3, 4; Print Shop 3, 4; Narcissus Collector 4; Night League.

ROW TWO

Roscoe Gilbert Deisch
Hi-Y; Industrial Club.

Barbara Josephine Dewart
Girls League Council 1, 2; Music Club; GAA; Rodeo; Operetta; Band; Pep Band; Choir.

Diane Ditzler
GAA; Y-Teens; Music Club; Commercial Club; Volleyball; Peruvian Distribution Staff 3; Narcissus Collector 4; Rodeo; Operetta; Office Helper 2; Choir.

ROW THREE

Francis Joseph Downing
Hi-Y; Night League.

Sara Sue Eckelbarger
Transferred from Chili, Indiana 1; Y-Teens, Treas. 4; Music Club; Girls League Council 4; Peruvian, Narcissus Typist 4; Rodeo; Orchestra; Junior Play, Student Director; Honor Society.

Charlotte Catherine Fesler
GAA; Music Club; Girls League; Peruvian 2, 4; Narcissus 4; Rodeo; Band; Junior Play Prop. Chm.; Honor Society.

ROW FOUR

James N. Fiser
Hi-Y; Science Club; Music Club; Basketball Mgr. 2, 3, 4; Narcissus Collector 4; Band; Pep Band; Dance Band; Rodeo.

Joan V. Fisher
Music Club; Junior Red Cross; Band; Orchestra.

Kenneth Allen Foy
Hi-Y; Print Shop 1, 2, 3, 4.

ROW FIVE

Lynn A. Fry
C-21, Pres. 2, 3; Hi-Y; Science Club; Noon League.

Joanne Marilee Gallahan
Commercial Club, Treas, 4; Y-Teens; Music Club; GAA; Bowling; Rodeo; Junior Play; Band.

Roger Allen Gaunt
Noon League; Night League.

ROW SIX

Kenneth Gehring
Hi-Y.

Joan Bonita Geyer
Commercial Club; Y-Teens; Narcissus Collector 4; Rodeo.

William E. Good
Science Club, Treas. 4; Music Club; Hi-Y; P-Club; Band; Dance Band; Track; Cross Country; Wrestling; Tennis; Hi-Y Conference 1; Rodeo; Noon League; Night League.

ROW SEVEN

Carol Lee Goshert
GAA; Rodeo; Band; Library Asst. 2, 3; Junior Red Cross; Music Club.

Hildred Mary Graf
FHA, Pres. 4; Junior Red Cross.

Claude R. Greer
Hi-Y; P-Club; Choir; Science Club; NFL; Safety Patrol; Music Club; Band; Cross Country; Football; Basketball; Porter Oratorical Contest 3; Rodeo; Operetta; Junior Play; Noon League; Night League.

Seniors of nineteen fifty-one . . .

ROW ONE

Otto K. Griebling
Hi-Y; Track; Intramural Basketball; Rodeo.

Warren G. Griggs
Hi-Y, Vice-Pres. 2; P-Club, Vice-Pres. 4; Industrial Club; Football, Varsity 4; Noon League; Night League.

Dean Hadsell
Hi-Y; P-Club, Treas. 2; Boys League Cabinet, Pres. 4; Football, Varsity 3, 4; Office Helper 4.

ROW TWO

George Weldon Hamman
Hi-Y, Secy. 1, Pres. 2, Pres. 4; Student Body Pres. 4; Student Council 2, 3, 4; NFL; Class Secy. 2; Baseball; Football; Student Council Conference 2; Rodeo; Junior Play; Noon League; Honor Society.

James R. Hancock
Hi-Y; Commercial Club; Science Club; Boys League; Noon League; Night League.

John Mark Harris
Transferred from Clay Township High School 4; General Course.

ROW THREE

Marcia Lee Harris
GAA; Art Club; Narcissus Collector 4.

Mary Jessie Hartshorne
Narcissus Collector 4; Honor Society.

Charles Hartz
Commercial Club; Cross Country; Noon League Basketball.

ROW FOUR

Richard Hatfield
Hi-Y; Industrial Club, Sgt.-at-Arms 4; Football, Varsity Mgr. 3, 4.

Marcia Jean Hayes
GAA; Band; Orchestra; Choir; Music Club; Girls League Council 4; Pep Band; Volleyball, Sportsmanship Award, Logan Play Day; Rodeo.

Mary Esther Helms
Commercial Club; Junior Red Cross; Y-Teens; Honor Society; Safety Contest, 3rd Place 3; Rodeo.

ROW FIVE

John Leonard Hileman
Hi-Y.

John F. Hilgeman
P-Club; Hi-Y, Sgt.-at-Arms 4; Basketball; Track; Football, Varsity 4; Baseball.

Joe Hubert Hite
Boys League Council 2, 3, 4; Industrial Club; Hi-Y.

ROW SIX

Robert E. Holler
Hi-Y; C-21; Basketball, Varsity 3, 4; Baseball; Track; Cross Country; Intramural Volleyball; Football; Choir; Narcissus Collector 4; Print Shop 3, 4; Rodeo; Operetta; Office Helper 3. Did not graduate. Withdrew March 21, 1951.

Joyce Ann Hosman
Commercial Club, Secy. 3; Music Club; Y-Teens; Choir; Tigerettes; Junior Play; Rodeo; Operetta; GAA; Girls League; Peruvian 1; Narcissus 2, 4.

Donald L. Howard
Hi-Y; Industrial Club; Night League; Narcissus Collector 4; Print Shop.

ROW SEVEN

Bonnie Jo Huffer
Honor Society, Secy.-Treas. 4; Music Club; GAA; Commercial Club; Y-Teens; Bowling; Peruvian 2; Narcissus 2; Junior Play; Rodeo.

Don Lee Hulce
Class Pres. 1, Vice-Pres. 2; Basketball, Co-Mgr. 2, 3, 4; Librarians Conference; Rodeo; NFL; Student Council 1, 2, 3; Parliamentarian 4; Science Club; Boys League; Noon League, 1st Place Volleyball 2.

Dean Jones
Hi-Y; Industrial Club; Basketball; Noon League.

Seniors of nineteen fifty-one . . .

ROW ONE

Olen Alonzo Jones
Intramural Basketball.

Roberta Maxine Jones
NFL; Music Club; Rodeo; Librarian Asst.; Honor Society.

David Loran Jordan
Honor Society; Science Club, Pres. 4; Art Club; Hi-Y; Student Council 4; Junior Play; State Math Contest 2.

ROW TWO

Don F. Karowsky
P-Club; Science Club; Football, Varsity 4; Basketball; Hi-Y, Chaplain 2; Noon League Basketball; Noon League Volleyball; Baseball.

Naomi Kenworthy
Commercial Club, Treas. 3; Girls League Council 3; GAA; Y-Teens; Music Club; Volleyball; Narcissus Collector 4; Rodeo; Office Helper 3.

Albert Kerner
NFL; Rodeo; Hi-Y; Night League Volleyball.

ROW THREE

Carole Elizabeth Kile
GAA, Vice-Pres. 4; Girls League Council 4; Commercial Club; Music Club; Band; Volleyball; Narcissus Collector 4.

Deborah Ann King
Honor Society; NFL; Music Club; GAA; Peruvian Bus. Staff 3; State Algebra Contest, 3rd Place in District 1; State Geometry Contest 2; State Comprehensive Math Contest 3; Orchestra; Rodeo; Junior Play; Office Helper 2, 3, 4; Varsity Debate 4; Girls State 3.

Phyllis H. Knox
Girls League; GAA.

ROW FOUR

Patrick Joseph Kramer
Hi-Y, Chaplain 1; Boys League Cabinet; Commercial Club; Music Club; Football; Band.

Susan Lynn Landgrave
Y-Teens, Secy. 4; GAA; Girls League Council 1, 2; Choir; Commercial Club; Music Club; Volleyball; Tigerettes; Rodeo; Operetta.

William Edward Lavoncher
Hi-Y; P-Club, Secy. 3; Industrial Club, Pres. 4; Class Pres. 2; Basketball; Track; Cross Country; Junior Play.

ROW FIVE

Marilyn Delores Lawson
Peruvian Staff 4.

Evan Richard Lininger
Hi-Y; Baseball; Intramural Basketball.

James Lee Lund
Science Club; Hi-Y, Treas. 1, Secy. 4; Boys League; Hi-Y Conferences; Rodeo; Usher.

ROW SIX

Patricia D. McCormack
NFL; Art Club; Music Club; GAA; Peruvian, Bus. Staff 2, Feature Ed. 4; Narcissus, Bus. Staff 3, Ed. Staff 3, 4; Butler Field Day 3; IHSPA 4; Rodeo; Operetta; Junior Play; Girls League Council 1, 2; Orchestra; Choir; Honor Society; Quill and Scroll.

Hugh P. McMinn
Boys League Council 1; Hi-Y; Science Club; Football; Track; Intramural Volleyball; Basketball; Narcissus Collector 4; Hi-Y Conference 1, 2, 3, 4; Safety Patrol 1, 2.

John Charles Mack
Hi-Y; Science Club; Music Club; Class Vice-Pres. 1; Basketball, Varsity 3, 4; Tennis; Choir; Rodeo; Operetta.

ROW SEVEN

Joan L. Marburger
Music Club; GAA; Volleyball; Band; Pep Band; Rodeo.

Adrian Marks
Safety Patrol 1, 2, Capt. 3; Track; Print Shop 2, 3, 4; Night League Basketball; Noon League Basketball; Band; Chorus.

Alvin E. Marquis
Basketball, Varsity 4; Football; Hi-Y; P-Club; Choir.

Seniors of nineteen fifty-one . . .

ROW ONE

Ruth Ann Martin
FHA, Secy. 4; Junior Red Cross; Narcissus Collector 4; Rodeo.

Charles Walter Mathis
Music Club, Pres. 2; Science Club; Band; Pep Band; Dance Band; Rodeo; Choir; Operetta.

Ted Mavrick
Boys League; Art Club; Commercial Club; NFL; Boys League Council 1; Noon League; Night League; Peruvian 2; Narcissus 1; Fort Wayne Journal Gazette Broadcast 1.

ROW TWO

Patti Lu Michael
C-21; Commercial Club; Choir; Rodeo; Music Club; GAA; Girls League.

Ruth Jeanne Miller
Girls League Council 1; GAA; Commercial Club; Band; Music Club; Rodeo; Junior Play Prop. Co-Chm.

Ronald Duane Minns
Hi-Y; Industrial Club; Science Club; Track; Noon League.

ROW THREE

Danny Lee Mooney
Industrial Club, Vice-Pres. 4; P-Club; Junior Red Cross; Hi-Y; Music Club; Intramural Basketball; Track; Cross Country; Band, Capt. 4; Pep Band; Rodeo; Junior Play.

Edith Eileen Moseley
Commercial Club; Y-Teens; Narcissus Collector 4; Rodeo.

Richard Mullett
Night League. Did not graduate. Withdrew February 8, 1951.

ROW FOUR

Marlene A. Neal
Girls League; GAA.

Edith North
NFL, Secy. 3, Pres. 4; Student Council 1, 3; Y-Teens; Honor Society, Vice-Pres. 4; GAA; Girls League; Class Pres. 3, Vice-Pres. 4; Narcissus, Jr. Ed. 3, Staff 4; Peruvian, Ed.-in-Chief 4; Porter Oratorical Contest, 1st Place 3; Purdue Legislative Assembly 3, 4; NFL State Meet, 2nd Place Dramatic Dec. 3; IHSPA 4; Girls State; Junior Play; Rodeo; Quill and Scroll.

Mary Jo Oates
GAA, Secy. 3, Pres. 4; Honor Society; Student Council, Treas. 3; Y-Teens; Girls League Council 2; Music Club; Volleyball; Narcissus Collector 4; Peruvian 3; State Latin Contest 2; Rodeo; Canteen Treas. 4.

ROW FIVE

Dorothy Louise Orpurt
GAA; Commercial Club; Y-Teens; Girls League; Peruvian Typist 4; Office Helper 4; Rodeo.

Glenn Curtis Oury
Hi-Y, Pres. 1; Science Club; Basketball, Varsity 3, 4; Football, Mgr. 3; Music Club, Sgt.-at-Arms 4; P-Club; Boys League Cabinet 1; Peruvian 4; Narcissus 4; State Hi-Y Conference; Choir; Band; Dance Band; Pep Band; Rodeo; Operetta.

Betty Pearcy
Y-Teens; GAA; Choir; Rodeo; Girls League; Junior Red Cross; Music Club; Junior Play.

ROW SIX

Madonna Petterson
Transferred from Sweetser, Indiana 2; Commercial Club, Pres. 4; Class Secy. 4; Y-Teens; Girls League Council 2; Rodeo, Attendant 3, Queen 4.

Mary Jane Phillipy
GAA; Commercial Club; Peruvian Bus. Staff 2; Narcissus Bus. Staff 3, 4, Collector 4; Rodeo.

Max Eugene Powell
C-21, Treas. 1, 2; Hi-Y; Science Club; Older Boys Conference; Rodeo; Library Asst.; Print Shop; Usher; Intramural Basketball, Volleyball.

ROW SEVEN

Mollie Lee Price
NFL; Honor Society; Music Club; GAA; Y-Teens; Library Club; Junior Red Cross; Girls League Cabinet, 1st Vice-Pres. 4; Volleyball; Peruvian, Bus. Staff 1, 2, 3, Mgr. 4; IHSPA 4; State Latin Contest 2; Rodeo, Choir; Usher 1; Operetta; Quill and Scroll.

Loretta Jane Rader
Art Club; Music Club; Girls League; Usher 1, 2; Rodeo; Office Helper.

Donald E. Ralstin
Hi-Y, Treas. 4; Track; Intramural Basketball; Older Boys Conference 3; Stage Crew 1, 2, Mgr. 3, 4; Band; Pep Band.

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ROW ONE

Patrick Joseph Redmon
P-Club, Pres. 4; Boys League Council 4; Basketball, Varsity 2, 3, 4; Football, Varsity 4; Office Helper 4.

Donald Richards
Boys League, Noon League Volleyball.

Stephen R. Rothermel
Hi-Y; P-Club; Science Club; Football, Varsity 3, 4; Narcissus Collector 4; Office Helper 2, 3, 4; Rodeo; Intramural Basketball.

ROW TWO

Phyllis Ann Russell
Transferred from Kokomo, Indiana 4; Commercial Course.

Paul Arthur Schini
Science Club; Art Club; Night League; Junior Play; Narcissus Collector 4.

William Schmidt
Hi-Y; Industrial Club; Boys League; Print Shop.

ROW THREE

Dan A. Schoenman
Class Secy. 3; Basketball, Varsity Co-Mgr. 2, 3, 4; Hi-Y Conference 1; Boys League Cabinet, Secy. 4; Science Club, Treas. 3, Vice-Pres. 4; Hi-Y; Noon League.

Joan M. Schwartz
GAA; Commercial Club; Y-Teens; Girls League; Tigerettes; Rodeo; Junior Play; Operetta; Music Club; Office Helper 4; Library Asst.

Elaine Scott
Student Council 3, Secy. 4; Y-Teens, Vice-Pres. 3, 4; GAA, Secy. 4; Narcissus 2; Rodeo; Junior Play; Canteen Board 3, Secy. 4; Girls League Cabinet, 2nd Vice-Pres. 4; Office Helper 4.

ROW FOUR

Roy Dale Shafer
Industrial Course.

Charlene R. Sharp
GAA; Girls League; Music Club; Peruvian Typist 4.

Jo Ellen Sharp
Commercial Club, Vice-Pres. 3, 4; Y-Teens, Secy. 3, Prog. Chm. 4; Girls League Council 2, 3; GAA; Volleyball; Peruvian 2; Narcissus 3, Collector 4; Rodeo Attendant 2; Junior Play; Office Helper 4; Honor Society.

ROW FIVE

John Daniel Shelburn
P-Club; Football, Varsity 3, 4.

Richard Dean Smith
Music Club; Hi-Y; Boys League; Choir; Rodeo; Operetta.

George Arthur Sovers
Honor Society; Science Club; NFL; Hi-Y, Asst. Sgt.-at-Arms 1, Chaplain 3, 4; P-Club; Track; Wrestling, Mgr. 4; Narcissus Bus. Staff 3, Mgr. 4; Peruvian 4; IHSPA 4; State Algebra Contest 1; State Geometry Contest 2; State Comprehensive Math Contest, 1st Place in District 3; Rodeo; Office Helper 4; Boys State; Quill and Scroll.

ROW SIX

James Lee Spencer
Hi-Y; P-Club; Science Club; Class Vice-Pres. 3; Basketball, Varsity 3, 4; Football, Varsity 4; Cross Country; Intramural Basketball; Rodeo; Narcissus Collector 4.

Philip L. Starkey
C-21, Vice-Pres. 3; Hi-Y; Science Club; Narcissus Collector 4.

Mona Catherine Tharp
Commercial Club; GAA; Choir; Y-Teens; Music Club; Peruvian 2, 3; Rodeo; Operetta.

Maureen Ann Daskowski graduated with the class of 1951. She entered from Plainfield high school, Central Village, Connecticut, February 7, 1951.

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ROW ONE

Victor Tully
Student Council 2; Hi-Y, Sgt-at-Arms 1, Pres. 2; Class Treas. 1, 2, 3, 4; Football, Varsity 3, 4; Rodeo; Music Club; Choir.

Robert Dale Tyre
P-Club; Hi-Y; Industrial Club, Treas. 4; Football; Intramural Volleyball; Basketball.

Louise E. VanMeter
Transferred from Lake Placid, Florida 3; Rodeo; Junior Red Cross; GAA; Narcissus Collector 4.

ROW TWO

Alice Ann VanOsdol
NFL; Class Secy. 1; Honor Society; Music Club; Student Council 1; GAA; Junior Play; Rodeo, Attendant 1, 2; Y-Teens; Quill and Scroll; Peruvian 1, 2, 3; Narcissus Junior Ed. 3; Editor 4; IHSPA 3, Executive Board 4; Girls League; Girls State.

James Walter VanOsdol
Hi-Y, Vice-Pres. 4; Science Club, Secy. 4; Music Club; Golf; Canteen Pres. 4; Night League; Rodeo; Operetta; Choir.

John C. Warner
Music Club; Art Club; Student Council 2; Science Club; Junior Red Cross; Football; Golf; Band; Pep Band; Boys League; Dance Band; Rodeo; Operetta; Choir; Junior Play.

ROW THREE

Jane Evelyn Weideman
Commercial Club; FHA; C-21; Girls League; Rodeo.

Charles Joseph Weis
NFL; Science Club; Student Council, Parliamentarian 3, 4; Peruvian Circulation Mgr. 4; State Comprehensive Math Contest 3; Purdue Legislative Assembly 2, 4; Debate, Varsity 2; Rodeo; Junior Play; Honor Society.

Doris Whybrew
Commercial Club; Music Club; Y-Teens; Choir.

ROW FOUR

Doris Marie Wilson
NFL; GAA; Music Club; Band; Girls League Council 2; Pep Band; Rodeo; Girls League; Narcissus 4; Porter Oratorical Contest, 4th Place 1.

Janette A. Wilson
Girls League; Y-Teens; GAA; Rodeo.

Roseanna Lea Wissinger
Commercial Club; C-21.

ROW FIVE

Courtney Leon Wolfe
NFL; Industrial Club; Narcissus Collector 4; Operetta; Rodeo; Band.

Henry A. Wolfe
Hi-Y; Science Club.

Dorothy M. Woodhouse
Art Club; Commercial Club; Orchestra; Choir; Music Club; Rodeo; Operetta.

ROW SIX

Gerald Working
Basketball; Baseball; Intramural Basketball.

Alan Wrigley
Transferred from Chili, Indiana 3; NFL, Secy. 4; Science Club; Class Pres. 4; Noon League; Narcissus Sports Ed. 4; Peruvian Sports Ed. 4; Purdue Legislative Assembly 3, 4; Band; Choir; American Legion Essay Contest, 1st Place in District, 3; United Nations Essay Contest, 1st Place, 4; Rodeo; Junior Play; Operetta; Student Council 4; Honor Society; Quill and Scroll.

Mary Jane Wylie
Girls League Cabinet, Treas. 3, Pres. 4; Girls League Council 3; NFL, Vice-Pres. 4; Music Club, Prog. Chm. 4; Student Council 1, 2; Honor Society, Pres. 4; GAA; Narcissus, Bus. Staff 2, Associate Ed. 4; Peruvian 4; Latin Contest, 1st Place District, 1; State Algebra Contest, 1st Place District, 1; Student Council Convention; Junior Play; Rodeo; Debate, Varsity 3, 4; Band, Quartermaster; NFL State Meet, 2nd Place Original Oration 3, 2nd Place Debate 3; Quill and Scroll.

Music Department Gives "Pirate

Over 50 students took singing parts in "The Pirates of Penzance," a comic opera in two acts by W. S. Gilbert and Arthur Sullivan. Dialogue and music were directed by Mr. James Noble and Mr. Hal Kesler. Mr. James Hawker handled make-up and lighting, and Mr. Wayne Taylor managed the art and sets, while Charles Mathis assisted as student director.

Accompanists for the two performances, March 8 and 9, were Lillian Malouf and Ruth Ann Hartleroad. Members of the Music Parents Association distributed and sold tickets. Alice VanOsdol and Nancy Thrush took charge of the properties and rented costumes.

Referring to the script, the operetta directors, Mr. James Hawker, Mr. James Noble, Charles Mathis, and Mr. Hal O. Kesler pause during an evening rehearsal.

"Stay, Frederic, stay," implores Mabel (Pat McCormack) of Frederic (Vic Tully).

Ruth (Elizabeth Grafft) presents Frederic (Vic Tully) with birthday presents to celebrate his twenty-first birthday.

# of Penzance"

When Frederic (Victor Tully) was a little boy, his nurse, Ruth (Elizabeth Grafft), mistakenly apprenticed him to the Pirate King, Richard, (Dick Smith). On his twenty-first birthday Frederic decided to leave the pirates and devote himself to the extermination of piracy.

Although Frederic had promised to wed his nurse, he found the wards of the Major-General (Claude Greer) were far more beautiful. He promptly fell in love with one of them, Mabel, (Pat McCormack).

When Frederic rejoins the pirates because of the deception that has been practiced upon them, they seize and bind the Major-General.

However, the police come to the rescue and charge the pirates to yield "in Queen Victoria's name." This they do. Ruth explains that these men who appear to be lawless pirates are really all "noblemen who have gone wrong." Immediately they are pardoned and allowed to marry the Major-General's wards.

Wards and daughters of the Major-General (Claude Greer) try to console him about his lie to the Pirate King.

"Hurrah for the pirate king!" shout the pirates as they lift him (Dick Smith) to their shoulders.

Members of the pirate crew surprise and overpower the Major-General's wards and attempt to make the girls marry them.

Reprimands are given to the police force by Edward (Glenn Oury), Sergeant-of-Police.

Pep Band

Row 1: Barkdull, Dewart, Hartleroad, Gross, Wray, Hayes, Marburger, Johnson.
Row 2: Wilson, Gearhart, Neher, Schram, Warner, Mathis, Kramer, Fiser, Rufe.
Row 3: Mooney, Carpenter, Hemdal, Thompson, Oury, Ralstin, Wooten.

Pep Band Lifts Morale

Always anxious, ready, and able to boost school spirit, the pep band led the pre-game parades through PHS halls and into the gym for exciting pep sessions. Living up to their name, this active group made appearances at pep programs without ever losing their "zip."

To promote adult interest in school activities, this "gang" played popular songs and marches while riding through town on a truck which displayed posters concerning school functions.

Noble Directs Dance Band

Furnishing popular music for the enjoyment of the audience before curtain time and between acts of the Rodeo, junior, and senior plays was the principal task of the dance band.

Winners of the vocalist contest, Pat Overmyer and Victor Tully, sang for the band. Mr. James Noble played saxophone in addition to directing the other musicians. Music was furnished by the dance band for various all-school convocations throughout the year.

Dance Band

Standing: Tully, Overmyer.
Row 1: Phillabaum, Good, Johnson, Nash, Stegman.
Row 2: Grafft, Warner, Oury, Thompson, Rufe, Neher, Fiser, Schram.

Girls Accompany Choir

Literally "working their fingers to the bone," the accompanists of Peru High School put in a busy year of service. These four talented girls spent many hours of their time to play accompaniment for the Rodeo and the operetta, "The Pirates of Penzance."

Lillian Malouf, Ruth Ann Hartleroad, and Carole Phillabaum played for these activities and also for the advanced choir, dance band, class auditoriums, and many other activities. Marilyn Rumpf and Nancy Thrush played for the chorus classes.

Fifty-one Voices Blend

Under the direction of Mr. James E. Noble, the advanced choir, composed of fifty-one members, presented concerts in Logansport, Huntington, and Fort Wayne this year, and made several appearances for local civic groups, churches, and the high school. The program given in Fort Wayne was for the state Kiwanis convention.

In appreciation for programs given for them, the Psi Iota Xi sorority presented tickets to the choir for the February 25 concert of the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra.

Accompanists

Malouf, Thrush, Rumpf, Phillabaum, Hartleroad.

Advanced Choir.

Row 1: Saltz, Dewart, Manmiller, Schrader, Klepinger, Westcott, McCormack, Price, Ditzler, Grafft, Bell, Palmer, Study, Laudenschlager, Wold.

Row 2: Shipman, Hosman, G. Jones, McNamara, Landgrave, Overmyer, Bussard, Shoemaker, Tharp, Pearcy, Sagester, Enyeart, Woodhouse, Sargent, Gearhart,

Row 3: Neher, Holler, Forshee, Beard, Warner, Wrigley, Tully, Stokes, Miller, Mack.

Row 4: Mathis, Stanton, B. Jones, Arthur, Thompson, Smith, Greer, VanOsdol, Williams, Dock, Oury.

Freshman Hi-Y

Row 1: Jackson, Griebel, Finicle, Ennis, T. Arnold, Becker, Doran, Witt, Grimes, Miller, Wilson, Rufe, Hiner, Hoppes, Mr. Oury, sponsor.

Row 2: Keller, Monahan, Blair, DeLawter, Berkshire, Buckalew, Marburger, Zaccone, Thompson, McPherson, J. Arnold.

Row 3: Middlekauff, Finster, Wagner, Ewer, Garner, Creager, Benedict, Brooks, Sommers, Featherstone, Kirk.

Row 4: Barrows, Garrison, Brock, Bean, Robinson, Beard, Bakehorn, Donaldson, Ulery, Callender, Snyder, Sutton, McClain.

Sophomore Hi-Y

Row 1: Mr. Hall, sponsor, Sharp, Alwine, David Sunday, Lovelace, Carswell, Howard, DePuy, Zimmerman, Raver, Mr. Yeager, sponsor.

Row 2: Wilson, Hullinger, Dan Sunday, Miller, Bonney, Birner, Allmann, L. Smith, Tomes, Isenbarger.

Row 3: Calvin, Wouster, Wahlig, Scott, Easterday, Forshee, Lawrence, Johnson, Sonafrank, Mongosa.

Row 4: Pegg, Cook, Mullikin, Clark, Lowe, Malott, Burwick, Lavoncher, Hendry, Cohee, Adams, DeHaven.

Senior Hi-Y

Row 1: Wackerle, G. Beard, Hilgeman, Jones, Stanton, Lund, Hamman, Oury.

Row 2: Mr. Davis, sponsor, Baker, Wolfe, Sovers, McMinn, Minns, H. Beard, Mr. Cokain, sponsor.

Row 3: DeHaven, Bullock, Bell, Dock, Hartleroad, VanOsdol, Ralstin, Fry, Starkey.

Working out the problems of the spring Hi-Y conference, the presidents of the three clubs meet to map a program. George Hamman, senior president, talks with Stanley Scott, sophomore president, and John Grimes, freshman president.

Three Hi-Y's Sponsor Spring Conference

Dimes and money of every other denomination jingled from the hearts of Peru's basketball fans into the March of Dimes campaign through the aid of the Senior Hi-Y. Realizing the importance of the drive, the Senior Hi-Y, under the leadership of its officers, George Hamman, president; Jim VanOsdol, vice-president; Jim Lund, secretary; Gene Ralstin, treasurer; George Sovers, chaplain; and John Hilgeman, sergeant-at-arms, passed cups among the fans at the Logansport and Tipton home games.

Joining with the senior and freshman clubs, Sophomore Hi-Y officers, Stanley Scott, president; Ray Nix, "veep"; David Allmann, secretary; David Sunday, treasurer; and Bob Clark, sergeant-at-arms, helped to promote the World Day of Prayer by presenting an auditorium, February 9.

Although the seniors served as officers for the spring conference which was held in Peru, the Freshman Hi-Y proved that greenies can do their part when they worked to promote the conference theme, "Youth Faces a Crisis."

Officers of the freshman club, John Grimes, president; Jack Arnold, vice-president; Bob Beard, secretary; Terry Middlekauff, treasurer; Jerry Thompson, sergeant-at-arms; and George Jackson, chaplain, led their club in extending welcome to the 25 guest clubs.

Repeating their World Day of Prayer service, the Peru chapter gave the devotional service for the conference meeting.

"Full Time Christian Vocation," "Jobs vs. Education vs. Military Service," "War Time Marriage," "Hobbies and Spare Time Activities," and "Youth Faces a Crisis" were the topics chosen by guest speakers, J. B. Parsons, associate state secretary of the YMCA, a Purdue university representative, Rev. Lee Jackson, Sheriff J. M. Behle, and Rev. M. W. Simpson of Peru.

Under the guiding hands of their sponsors, Noel Davis, John Cokain, Cyril Hall, Thomas Yeager, and Clarence Oury, the Hi-Y's had a progressive year. Approximately 114 boys comprised the total membership of the Hi-Y groups.

Junior Red Cross

Row 1: Geiselman, Hatton, Goshert, Leedy, Richards, Kellems, Martin.

Row 2: Seiler, Bullock, Hamby, Howard, Richardson, VanMeter, Edmond, Miss Ridenour, sponsor.

Red Cross Sends Chest Overseas

Pencils, rulers, wash cloths, and towels—these are only a few of the many articles contained in the Junior Red Cross school chest that was sent overseas.

Under the sponsorship of Miss Elizabeth Ridenour, the members sold singing valentines and made holiday favors for hospital patients.

Art Club Holds Spring Exhibit

Holding an exhibit in March and painting school production scenery were the main projects of the Art club this year.

Meetings were held every Wednesday night under the direction of Mr. Wayne Taylor, sponsor; Joan Ruble, president; Nola Smith, vice-president; Sam Birner, secretary; and Nancy Deisch, treasurer.

Art Club

Row 1: Nash, Rumpf, Young, Flohr, Deisch, Ruble.

Row 2: Rufe, Pontius, Apt, Rasmussen, Stanton, Wray, Mr. Taylor, sponsor.

P Club

Row 1: Mr. Donovan, sponsor, Hilgeman, Lininger, Redmon, Beard, Good, O'Connell, Rothermel, Hadsell, Catey.
Row 2: Shelburn, Finicle, Foy, Doerr, Griggs, Karowsky, Hiers, Gasaway, Boyer.
Row 3: Tyre, Lavoncher, DeBrular, Burrous, B. Reed, Lowe, Turner, Oury, Stanton, J. Reed, H. Guyer.

Letter Winners Join P Club

Over thirty letter winners in some field of sports belonged to the P club, an honorary organization for all such letter winners. Fostering good sportsmanship and friendly competition, these boys chose Pat Redmon as president, with Bud Griggs, vice-president; Bill Lavoncher, secretary; Dean Hadsell, treasurer; and Harry Beard, sergeant-at-arms. Coach Dick Donovan sponsored these athletes in their club projects.

Industrial Club Visits Factories

One of the factories that the Industrial club members under the sponsorship of Mr. Thomas Yeager and Mr. John Cokain visited in order to gain a knowledge of the industries of Peru was the Standard Cabinet Manufacturing Company.

Club meetings were held once a month under the direction of Bill Lavoncher, president; Dan Mooney, vice-president; Harry Beard, secretary; Robert Tyre, treasurer; and Dick Hatfield, sergeant-at-arms.

Industrial Club

Row 1: DeHaven, Foy, Ellis, Boyer, Hayes, Wackerle, D. Gaunt.
Row 2: Mr. Cokain, sponsor, Hatfield, DeBrular, Burns, Day, R. Gaunt, Mr. Yeager, sponsor.
Row 3: Wolfe, Odum, Mooney, Lavoncher, Hite, Howard.
Row 4: Alwine, Tyre, Beard, Schmidt, Deisch, Minns.

"Cora didn't tell me about you," says Mary Skinner (Susy Landgrave) to Clarence, Jr. (Alan Wrigley).

Stealing a cookie while the Reverend Doctor Lloyd is at tea, Whitney (Dick Carswell) keeps his eagle eye on Mother (Edith North).

Cousin Cora (Debbie King) is amazed at how much John (John Mack) has grown. Mary looks interested and Mother reassures Cora that it really is John.

The entire Day family, Father, Harlan, and Mother, seated, and Clarence, Jr., John, and Whitney, standing, pose for a family tintype.

Senior Play Cast. Row 1: Carswell, Mahley. **Row 2:** Davis, student director, VanOsdol, North, Landgrave, Hayes, Wilson, Wylie, Sharp, King. **Row 3:** Mr. Kesler, director, Mack, Warner, Greer, Burnett, Weis, Wrigley, Mr. Hawker, director.

Mother gently reprimands Harlan while Father explodes at the new maid Delia (Janette Wilson).

Seniors Present "Life With Father"

A wee bit of Broadway shone in PHS this spring when the seniors presented for their class play, Howard Lindsay and Russel Crouse's stage hit, "Life with Father," April 12 and 13.

Backed by genuine antiques for props, authentic period costumes, and an ambitious publicity committee, the seniors had a real hit on their hands.

All the personality of the Victorian age of Clarence Day, Sr., was vividly portrayed—father's quick and blasting temper, mother's ingenuity and naivete, the children's flaming red hair and their up-and-coming tempers—truly chips off the old block.

Track Experience Gained

Peru's tracksters placed sixth in the Central Indiana Conference meet last season under the direction of Coach Paul Prible.

Boys who helped Peru place sixth were Phil Munsey, fourth place in the 220; Ray Nix, fourth place in the 440; and Jack Jarrett, third place in the shot put.

Losing all their regularly scheduled meets, the track men, nevertheless, gained valuable experience. The teams who were victorious over Peru were Northwestern, Delphi, Rochester, Logan, Delphi, Wabash, and Elwood, in that order.

Cinderman George Sovers received a serious injury to his left leg in a home meet with Wabash. Surgery was performed, and much improvement has been made to date.

Conference Cindermen

Row 1: Nix, Schlemmer.
Row 2: Jarrett, Munsey, Stuber.

Relay Team

Row 1: Schlemmer, Nix, Stanton, Munsey.
Row 2: Turner, Wooten, Mooney, Foy.

Major Letter Winners

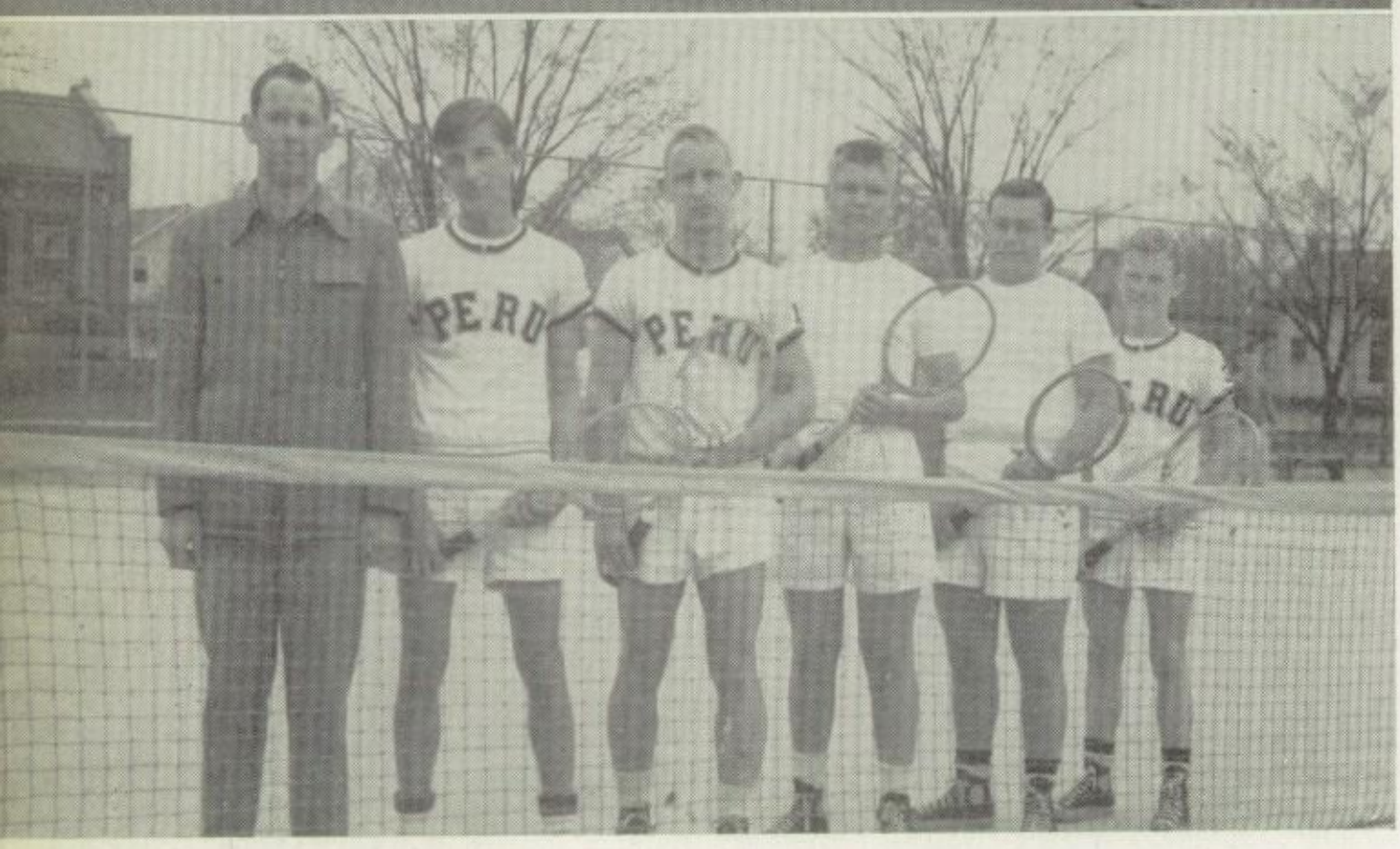
Row 1: Sharp, manager, Schlemmer, Stuber, Alwine, manager.
Row 2: Jarrett, Foy, Coach Prible, Nix, Munsey.

Minor Letter Winners

Row 1: Jones, Odum, Stanton, Dock, DeHaven.
Row 2: Reed, Bell, Schlemmer, Carpenter, Wooten, Carswell.
Row 3: Jackson, Turner, Mooney, Justus, Ralstin, Good.

Golf

Charles Cox, Jim VanOsdol, Coach Toy Jones, John VanOsdol, Philip Gilgrist.



Tennis

Coach Phillip Ortwein, Harold Guyer, Thaine Clark, Zane Miller, Bob Wray, John Mack.

Golfers Cop Third CIC Crown

Long hours of practice enabled the golf team, coached by Toy Jones, to win its third straight conference championship.

Sparked by Phil Gilgrist and John VanOsdol, the golfers came through in grand style by winning over all opposition except Logansport and Muncie Central.

Jim VanOsdol, the other half of that golfing brother team, and Charles Cox finished out the team roster. Teams that suffered defeat at the hands of Peru's fateful four were Rochester, Hartford City, and Concordia.

Locals Win Six Meets

Smashing drives, graceful lobs, and twanging racquets were old stuff for the tennis team coached by Phillip Ortwein.

In one week, Jeff of Lafayette, Plymouth, and Fort Wayne all fell beneath the winning streak of Peru racqueteers. Other teams that were downed before the Peru onslaught were Wabash, Rochester, and Logan. Only Muncie Burris and Plymouth bested the locals.

Thaine Clark received the sportsmanship trophy by vote of his teammates for showing the best attitude.

Wernzmen Record Five Wins

Rounding out their third season last spring with a record impressive in the games won, the baseball season as a whole could be listed as a job well done.

Peru's moundmen won five out of six games, losing only to Logansport. Argos, Kokomo, Twelve Mile, and Monon (twice) were the victims of Coach Gene Wernz's squad.

Bill Hiers batted a .454 percentage, the highest on the team.

Distance Runners Place Third

Third place in the Central Indiana Conference was won by the Peru cross country team.

No other meets were scheduled for this year by Coach Julius "Bud" Ritter because Peru entered the meet only to stack up enough points to be in the running for the CIC all-sports trophy.

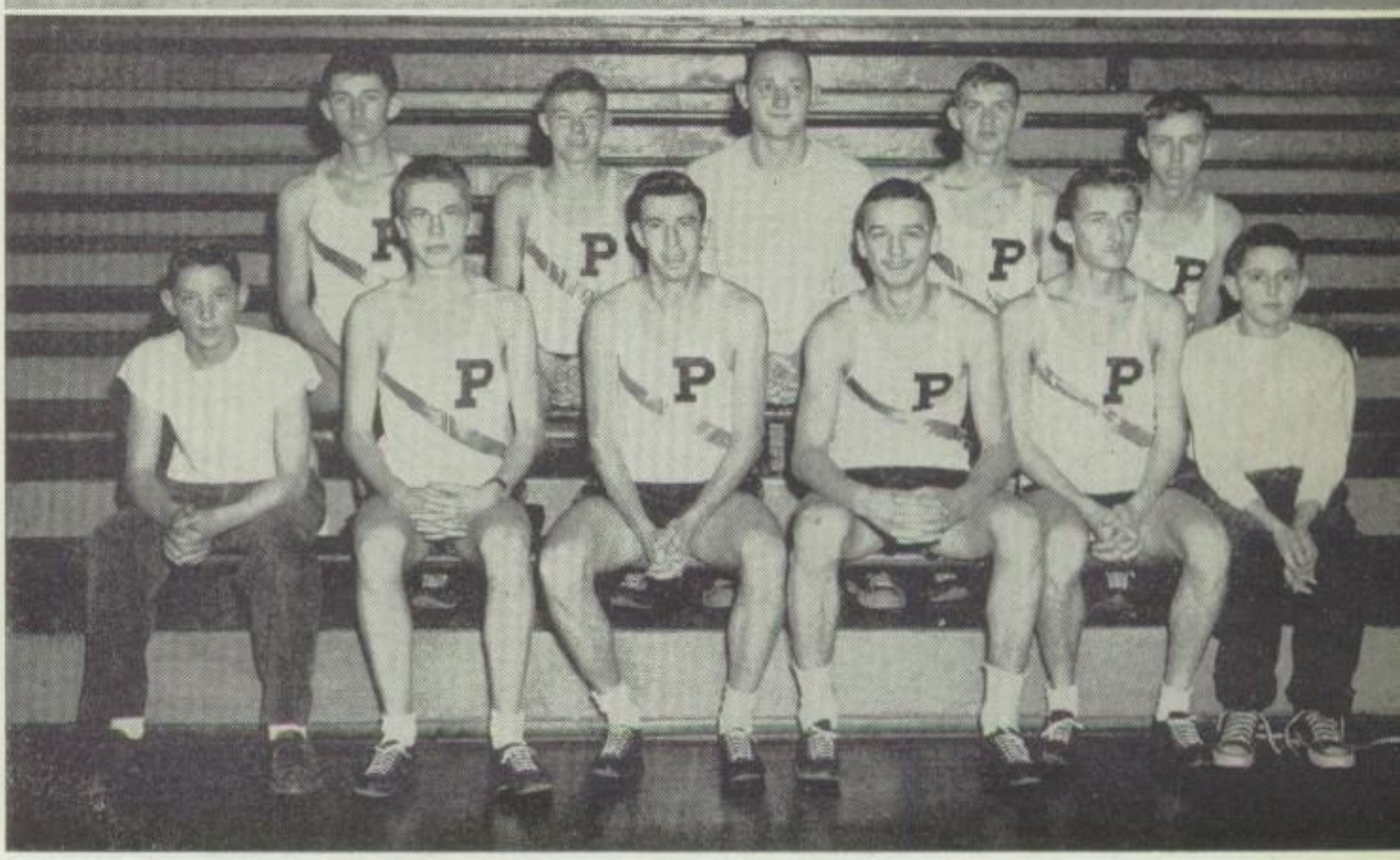
Five points toward that goal were gained by the team, managed by David Sharp and Jim Alwine.

Baseball

Row 1:: Schlemmer, Welsh, Hilgeman, Lininger, Foy, Karowsky, Hiers.

Row 2: Wackerle, Catey, Whitten, Davisson, Lowe, Rogers, Allmann, manager.

Row 3: Gaunt, Hamman, Stanton, Holler, Sonafrank, Raver, manager, Coach Wernz.

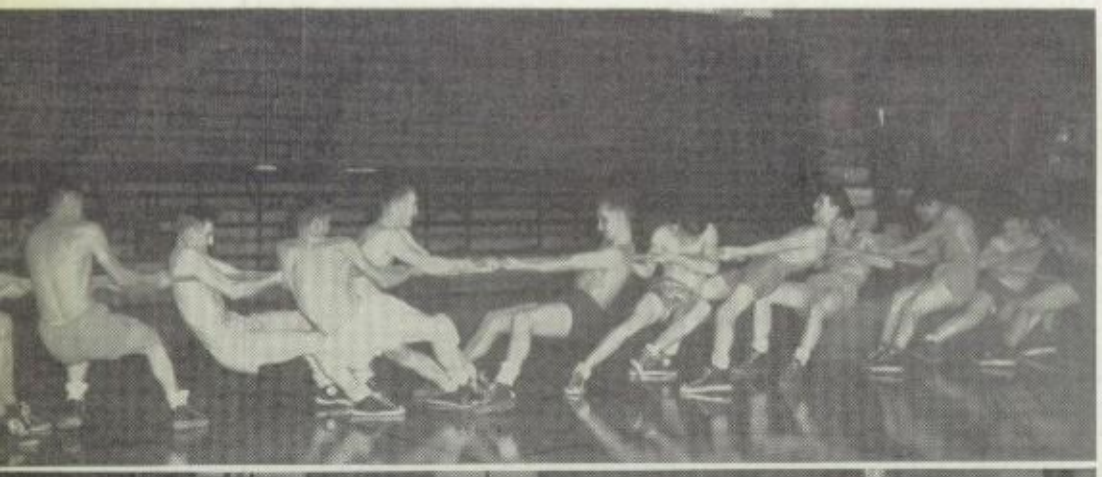


Cross Country

Row 1: Alwine, manager, Carpenter, B. Lavoncher, Mooney, H.Guyer, Sharp, manager.

Row 2: G. Guyer, Bell, Coach Ritter, Wooten, C. Lavoncher.

Gym Classes Develop Muscles



Grunts and groans echo across the gymnasium as each team attempts to pull the other across the line in a game of tug o' war.

Healthy physiques will be the reward of Gerald Guyer, Jack DeBrular, and Evan Lininger as they work out on the horizontal bar.

Up and down, up and down, go the members of this gym class while they work under the direction of Mr. Gene Wernz, gym instructor.

Fine co-ordination is demonstrated by Vernon Anderson, who is doing a hand stand on the parallel bars.

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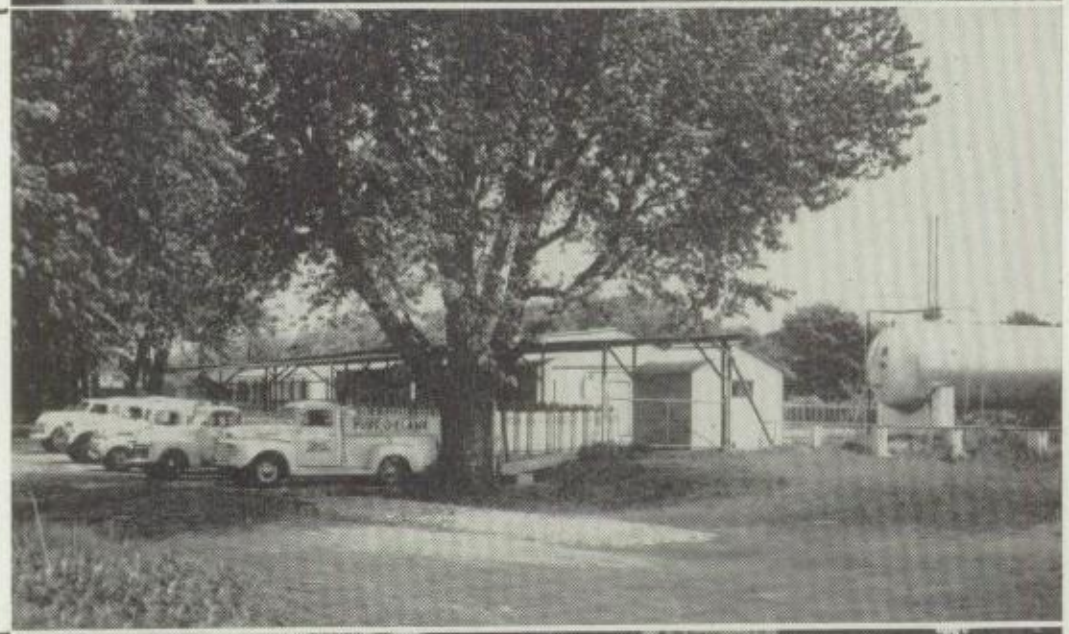

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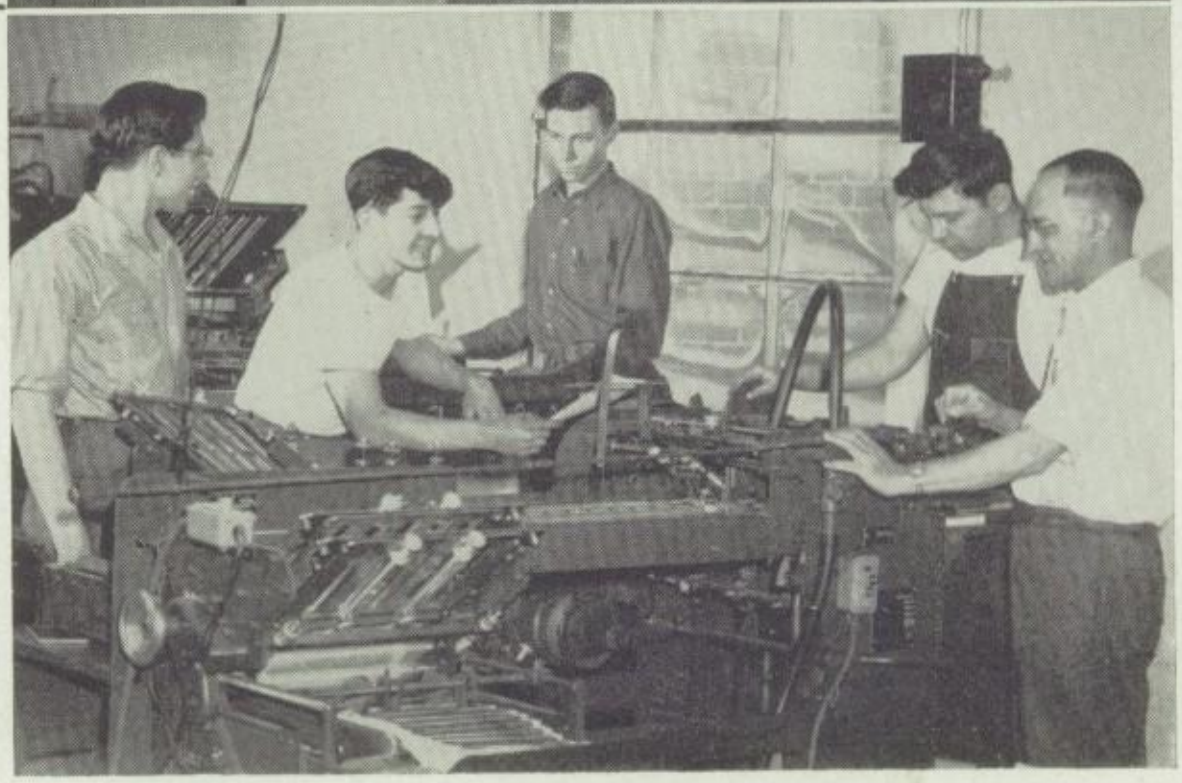

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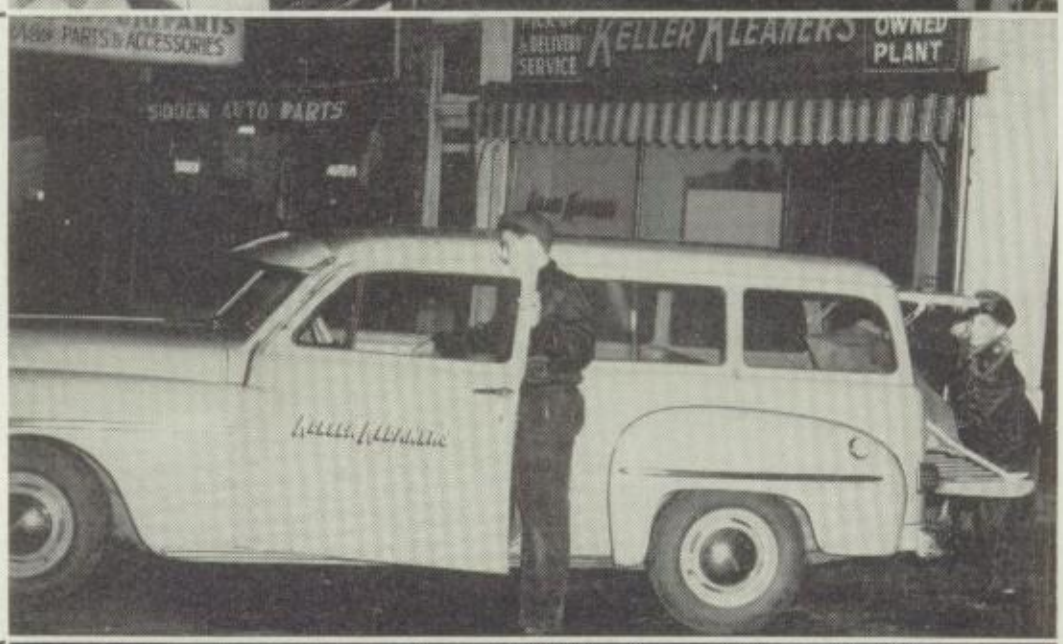

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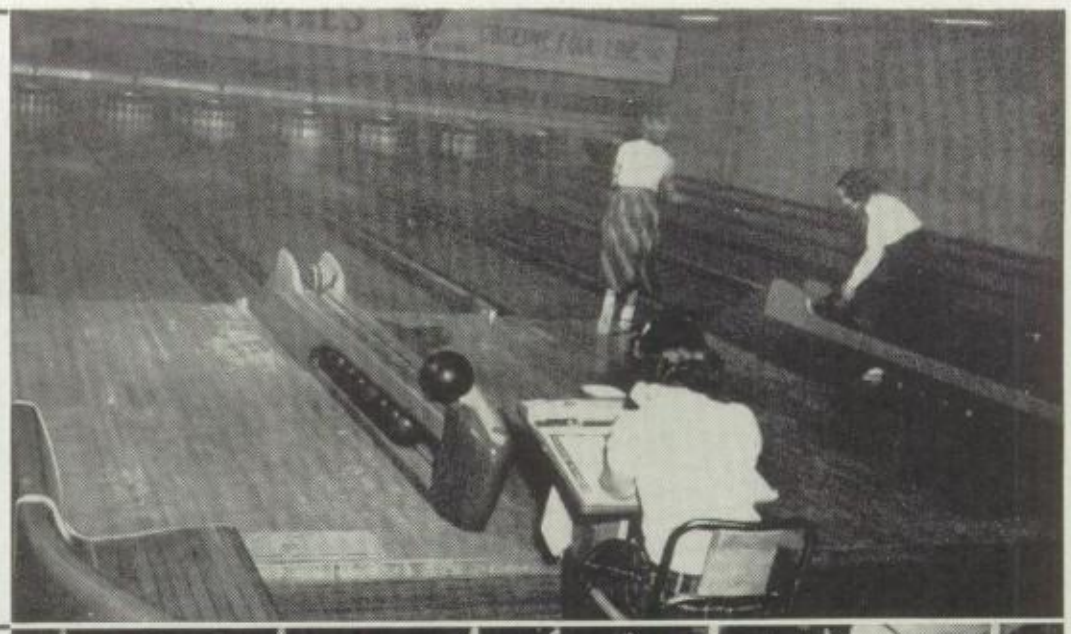

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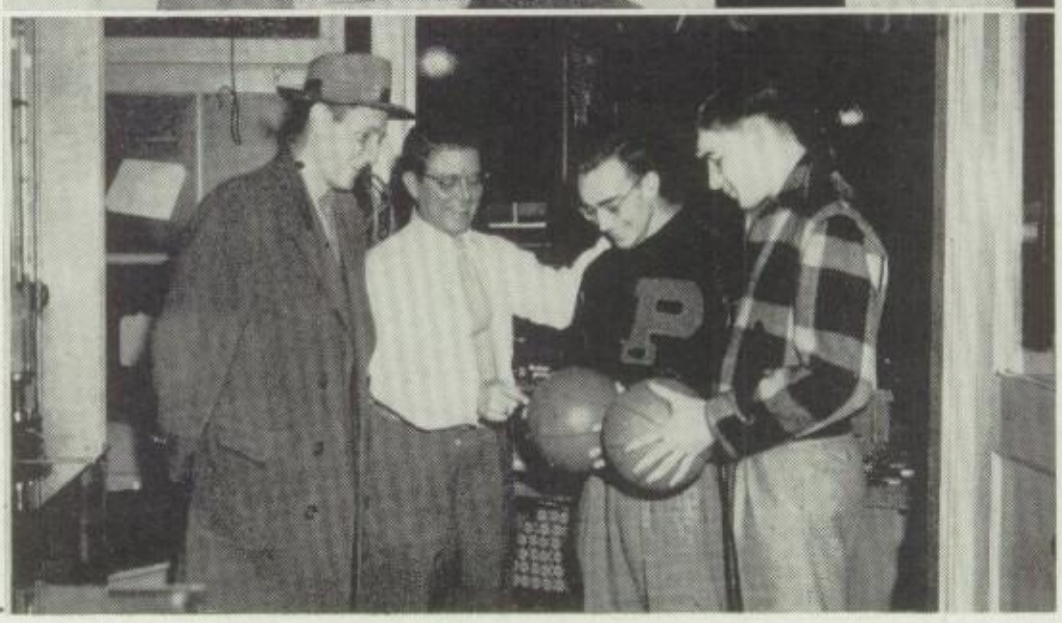

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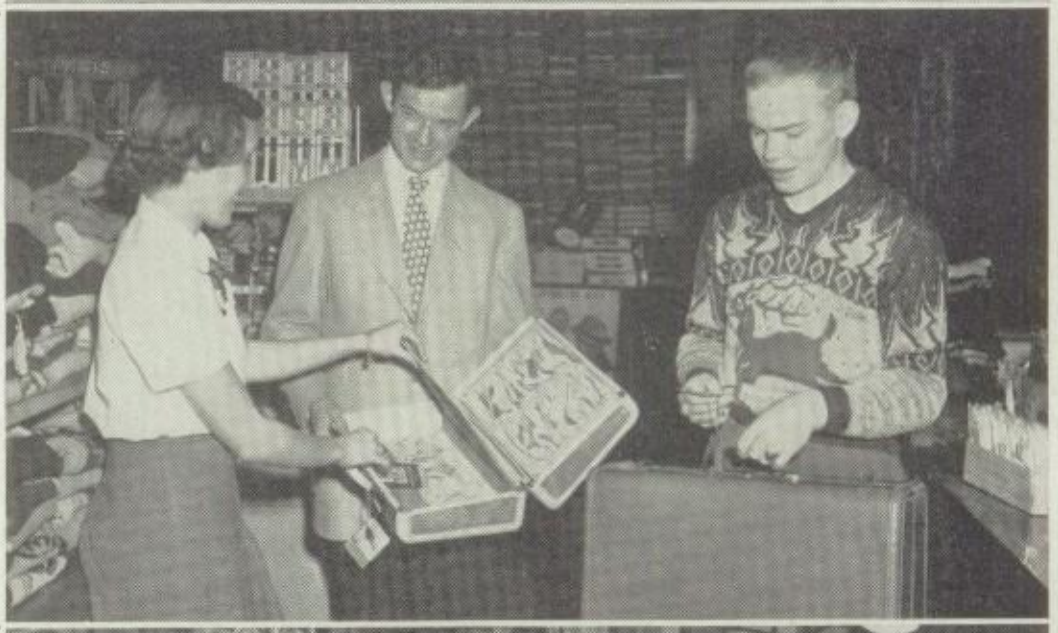

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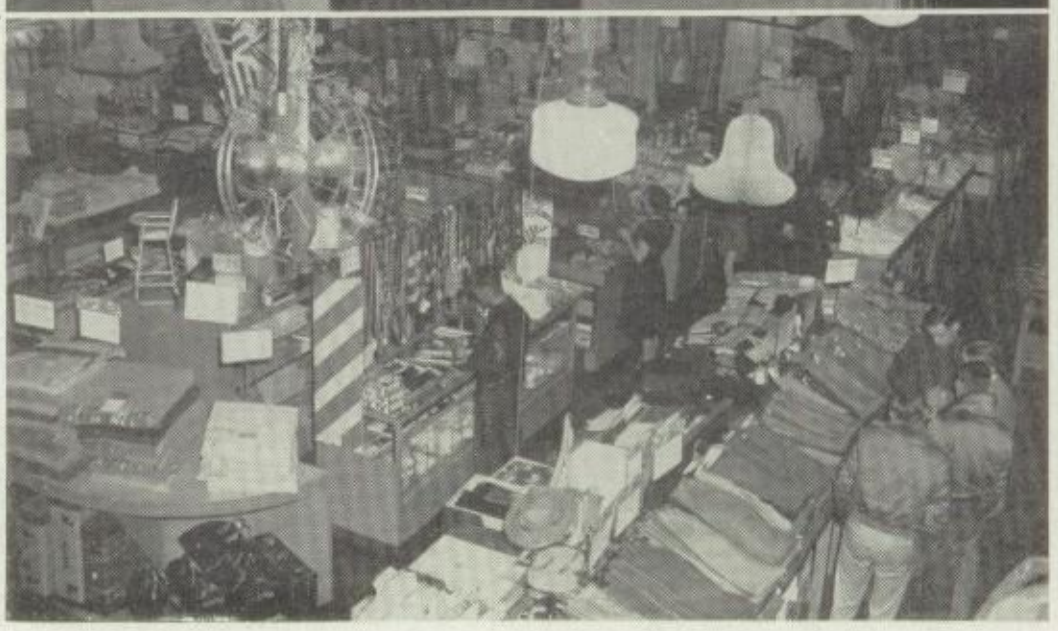

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